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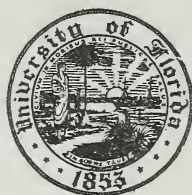
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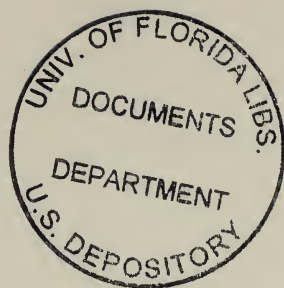
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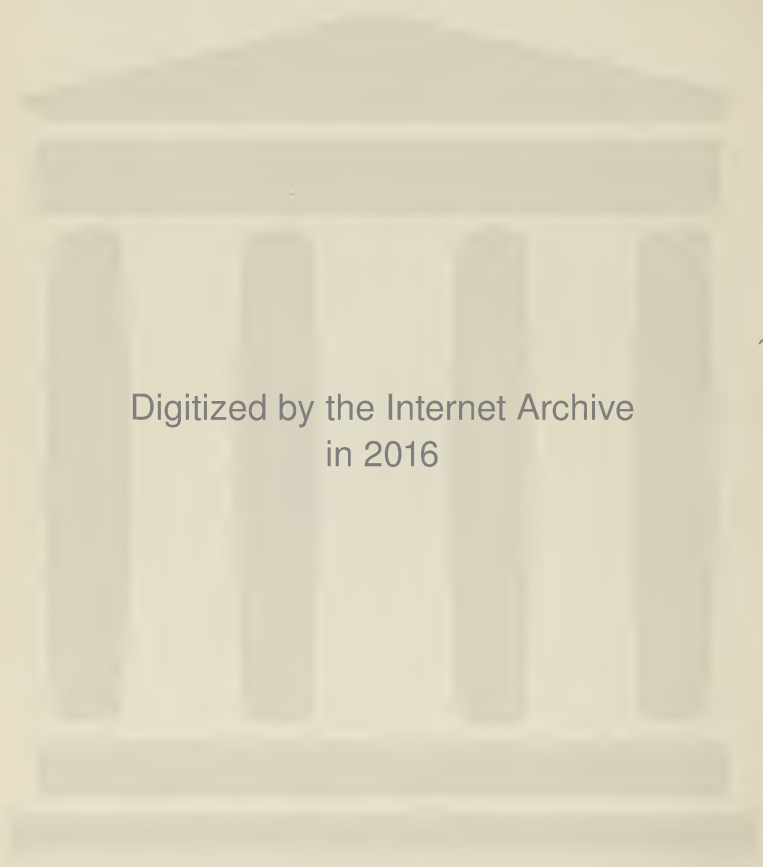


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Biography

KARL STEFAN was born near Zebrakov, Bohemia, March 1, 1884; immigrated to the United States in 1885 with his parents, who settled in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebr.; attended the public schools in Omaha, Nebr., and later the YMCA night school; private in the Illinois National Guard; lieutenant in the Nebraska National Guard; served as inspector of telegraph in Philippine Constabulary 1904-6; moved to Norfolk, Nebr., in 1909; instructor, Morse and Continental Codes, during the First World War; served as telegrapher and later as city editor of the Norfolk Daily News until 1924; radio commentator and contributor to newspapers and magazines until 1934; president of Stefan Co.; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-fourth Congress; doctor of laws degree (honorary) National University, Washington, D. C.; brigadier general, Philippine National Volunteers (honorary); awarded Philippine Meritorious Service Medal, National Volunteers of Philippines; Philippine Medal for Service in pacification of Luzon; Cross of Alfaro by Eloy Alfaro International Foundation for work on good neighbor program; Order of National Merit Carlos Manuel de Cespedes of Cuba; adopted by four Indian tribes, Omaha, Winnebago, Ponca, and Santee Sioux, and given name of "Pah-Hug-Mon-Thee" meaning "Leader Man"; member congressional committee aiding inauguration of Philippine Commonwealth government, Manila, P. I., 1935; American delegate, Inter-parliamentary Union, Oslo, Norway, 1939; member of executive committee of United States Division of Inter-parliamentary Union; official adviser, United Nations Conference, San Francisco, Calif., 1945; member of Congressional Air Policy Board, 1948; member of executive board of Congressional Flying Club; selected by Speaker as member of 1944 and 1949 Board of Visitors, United States Naval Academy; chairman of Subcommittee on Appropriations for State, Commerce, Justice, and Federal Judiciary, 1947-48; reelected to eight succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1935, until his death in Washington, D. C., October 2, 1951; interment in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Norfolk, Nebr.

In the House of Representatives

THURSDAY, February 28, 1952.

Mr. REGAN. Mr. Speaker, I present a resolution (H. Res. 543) covering memorial services in the House to be held on Wednesday, May 14, 1952, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That on Wednesday, May 14, 1952, immediately after the approval of the Journal, the House shall stand at recess for the purpose of holding the memorial services as arranged by the Committee on House Administration under the provision of clause (1) (j) (2) (C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. The order of exercises and proceedings of the service shall be printed in the Congressional Record, and all Members shall have leave for 60 legislative days to extend their remarks in the Congressional Record on the life, character, and public service of deceased Members. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the Speaker shall call the House to order and then as a further mark of respect to the memories of the deceased he shall declare the House adjourned.

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The resolution was agreed to.

Memorial Services
in the
House of Representatives

Eighty-second Congress
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Memorial Service Program

Prelude, sacred selections (11:30 to 12)

United States Navy Orchestra

Presiding officer.....The Speaker, Hon. Sam Rayburn

Invocation.....The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.

Quartet, Have Thine Own Way, Lord (Stebbins)

Hon. J. Frank Wilson

Hon. Prince Preston

Hon. Oren Harris

Hon. J. Percy Priest

At the piano.....Hon. Frances P. Bolton

Representative from the State of Ohio

Scripture reading and prayer.....The Chaplain

Roll of Deceased Members.....The Clerk of the House of Representatives

Rose Ritual.....Hon. Reva Beck Bosone

Representative from the State of Utah

Devotional silence.

Address.....Hon. Omar Burleson

Representative from the State of Texas

Quartet, Beautiful River (Lowry).....Congressional Quartet

Address.....Hon. Carl T. Curtis

Representative from the State of Nebraska

Taps.....Francis Stevens, musician, United States Navy

Echo.....Frank Tiffany, musician first class, United States Navy

Benediction.....The Chaplain

Karl Stefan



Memorial Services

WEDNESDAY, May 14, 1952.

The **SPEAKER** of the House of Representatives (Mr. Rayburn) presided.

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.:

Almighty God, who has revealed Thyself as man's unfailing friend, his everpresent help and everlasting hope, we pray that in this hour of sacred memory we may enter into a blessed communion with Thy spirit and with the spirit of all who are dwelling in Thy nearer presence and upon whom Thou hast bestowed the benediction, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

Hon. J. Frank Wilson, Hon. Prince Preston, Hon. Oren Harris, and Hon. J. Percy Priest sang *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*, by Stebbins.

Hon. Frances P. Bolton, a Representative from the State of Ohio, accompanied at the piano.

The **CHAPLAIN**. The Old Testament Scripture readings are selections from the Ninetieth and the One Hundred and Third Psalms:

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

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Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children.

To such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them.

The New Testament readings are taken from the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John where we have these gracious words which come from the lips of our blessed Lord:

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

The following poem written by Nancy Byrd Turner is a beautiful commentary on the teachings of the Scriptures:

“Death is only an old door
Set in a garden wall;
On quiet hinges it gives at dusk,
When the thrushes call.

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"Along the lintel are green leaves,
Beyond the light lies still;
Very weary and willing feet
Go over that sill.

"There is nothing to trouble any heart,
Nothing to hurt at all;
Death is only an old door
In a garden wall."

Let us pray:

Most merciful and gracious God, from whom our spirits have come and unto whom they return, we rejoice that through Thy holy word Thou hast spoken unto us.

We thank Thee that when earthly and human lights are extinguished by adversity and affliction, by sorrow and bereavement, then Thy divinely inspired word, which is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path, shines with a deeper and steadier glow and we are strengthened to carry on courageously and hopefully.

Grant that in our times of loneliness, when the struggle of life seems so difficult and the burdens so heavy, we may not turn our eyes upon the ground whence no help can come but may we turn them heavenward and unto Thee.

We praise Thee for the life and character of Thy servants who walked and worked with us for a little upon the earth and who are now with Thee in eternal blessedness, having received the reward of their faith and fidelity; even the salvation of their souls.

We have not said "farewell" unto them but only "good night," confident that some day, by Thy grace, we shall again dwell with them in hallowed union in that land whose language is music and where joys are unceasing.

We pray that, as we continue our earthly pilgrimage, we may live out each day in faith and in faithfulness, availing

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ourselves of the companionship of our blessed Lord, who will abide with us throughout life and eternity.

Hear us in the name of the Christ our Saviour. Amen.

ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Mr. Lyle O. Snader, assistant reading clerk of the House of Representatives, read the following roll:

KENNETH SPICER WHERRY, a Senator from the State of Nebraska: Born February 28, 1892; graduated, University of Nebraska; attended Harvard University; served in United States Navy Flying Corps, 1917-18; admitted to the bar and practiced law in Pawnee City; member of the city council; mayor of Pawnee City; served in Nebraska State Senate; Republican State chairman, 1939-42; western director, Republican National Committee, 1941-42; elected to the United States Senate in 1942; reelected to the Senate in 1948; died November 29, 1951.

WILSON DARWIN GILLETTE, Fourteenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania: Born July 1, 1880; attended high school in Ulster; agricultural pursuits, merchandising, and automobile distributor; member of Pennsylvania State House of Representatives, 1930-41; Member of the Seventy-seventh Congress and each succeeding Congress until his death, August 7, 1951.

FRANK FELLOWS, Third Congressional District of Maine: Born November 7, 1889; attended public schools, the East Maine Conference Seminary at Bucksport, and the University of Maine at Orono; graduated from University of Maine Law School; admitted to the bar in 1911; clerk of the United States District Court of Maine, 1917-20; practiced law in Bangor; Member of the Seventy-seventh Congress and the five succeeding Congresses; died August 27, 1951.

ALBERT CLINTON VAUGHN, Eighth Congressional District of Pennsylvania: Born October 9, 1894; educated in public schools of Whitehall Township; graduate of Whitehall High School and Allentown Business College; veteran of First World War; member of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars; secretary and sales representative; congressional secretary; Member of the Eighty-second Congress; died September 1, 1951.

KARL STEFAN, Third Congressional District of Nebraska: Born March 1, 1884; attended public schools in Omaha and YMCA night school; engaged successively as telegraph operator, news writer, reporter, city editor, and radio-news commentator; entered busi-

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ness; served in telegraph division, Philippine Constabulary, 1904-06; private in Illinois National Guard; lieutenant in Nebraska National Guard; radio-code instructor, First World War; Member of the Seventy-fourth Congress and the eight succeeding Congresses; died October 2, 1951.

JOHN ALBERT WHITAKER, Second Congressional District of Kentucky: Born October 31, 1901; attended public schools, Bethel College at Russellville, and the University of Kentucky at Lexington; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1926 and commenced practice in Russellville; county attorney of Logan County, 1928-48; delegate to all State conventions since 1924; Member of the Eightieth Congress and the two succeeding Congresses; died December 15, 1951.

WILLIAM THOMAS BYRNE, Thirty-second Congressional District of New York: Born March 6, 1876; attended public schools; graduated from Albany Law School, Union College in 1904; admitted to the bar that year and commenced practice in Albany; member of the State senate, 1923-37; Member of the Seventy-fifth Congress and the seven succeeding Congresses; died January 27, 1952.

GEORGE BLAINE SCHWABE, First Congressional District of Oklahoma: Born in Missouri July 26, 1886; attended high school at Sedalia; graduated in law from the University of Missouri in 1910; practiced law at Nowata and Tulsa; mayor of Nowata, 1913-14; member of Nowata Board of Education for 5 years; member of Oklahoma State Legislature; chairman of Republican County Committee of Tulsa County; delegate to Republican National Convention, 1936; Member of the Seventy-ninth, Eightieth, and Eighty-second Congresses; died April 2, 1952.

REID FRED MURRAY, Seventh Congressional District of Wisconsin: Born October 16, 1887, in Ogdensburg, Wis.; attended public schools; graduate of College of Agriculture of the University of Wisconsin; agricultural agent for railroads in St. Paul, Minn., 1914-17, for Winnebago County, Wis., 1917-19, and for the First National Bank, Oshkosh, 1919-22; professor of animal husbandry, College of Agriculture, University of Wisconsin, 1922-27; owner, Waupaca Cattle Credit Co.; farmer; dealer in cattle and farms in Waupaca, 1927-39; Member of the Seventy-sixth Congress and the six succeeding Congresses; died April 29, 1952.

Hon. REVA BECK BOSONE, a Representative from the State of Utah, standing in front of the Speaker's rostrum and assisted by Page James Lee Shirley, placed a memorial

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rose in a vase as the name of each deceased Member was read by the Clerk.

There followed a period of devotional silence, during which the Members stood.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Burleson].

Hon. OMAR BURLESON, a Representative from the State of Texas, delivered the following address:

Mr. BURLESON. Mr. Speaker, in these moments of reflection, dedicated to the memory of our departed colleagues, may the din of clamorous and clamant voices in our ears be hushed and may we hear the still small voice of the Eternal Spirit. May we lift our eyes to the eternal verities and be reminded by the pained absence of our beloved associates of former days, that time in this chaotic world is but for a fleeting instant and that soon we shall join them in that great and perfect democracy of death.

If the lives of those whose memory we honor on this occasion should not give us courage and inspiration, they would have failed. But they did not fail. Knowing each of them rather intimately, as we did, we saw their faithfulness, their devotion, and deep sincerity of purpose. With these virtues go unselfishness and humbleness.

Yes, of course, we remember the goodness—the inner worth of men and women—whose lives have touched us and whose influence remains fresh in our hearts and minds. Unlike Shakespeare's Mark Antony, we do not believe that "the evil men do lives after them—the good is oft interred with their bones." Faith in God and brotherly love teach us otherwise.

Often on the floor of this House, in the heat of debate, we may display temper, forces of argument, and demeanor we think necessary to the advantage of our point. Our words

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sometimes carry a sting and may even become vehement, but, underneath it all, no group of men can be found anywhere on earth who has, as a body, a deeper sincerity to serve or a greater devotion to duty. Neither is there to be found greater humbleness, for we are forced to realize the tremendous responsibilities and the huge tasks constantly before us and that immeasurable trust and confidence has been placed in us. Surely, those who may have the greatest confidence in their own abilities must feel that wisdom alone is insufficient—that only by divine guidance can our beloved Nation be brought through the perilous shadows which hang over it.

To me, the vanities of man, his egotism and self-righteousness are about the greatest of all afflictions, and the antithesis to these consuming evils is humbleness and devoutness—these are the flowers in the garden of memory of our beloved colleagues.

No lovelier example of humble and devout service can be found than that portrayed by the Christ when, meeting with His disciples in the home of Mark, He washed His disciples' feet. You will recall that there was a warm and even heated argument in progress among the 12 as to whom should be the greatest in the kingdom. The concept of a heavenly kingdom had not settled upon them and they were contending with one another as to which of them would hold the more prominent position in what they believed to be an earthly organization. How understandably human? Into the midst of this argument, the Lord came, and, hearing it, He girded himself with a towel and washed the disciples' feet.

You will recall the custom—eating at the long, low tables—kneeling, or reclining upon their elbows. It was customary that they remove their shoes at the door and that they wash their feet before dining. The Christ entered the room and hearing dissension among his close friends, He poured water into a vessel, and took a towel and performed a lowly and humiliating service. He washed their feet. Can we hear

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now the tinkle of the water in that basin as Jesus prepared to do this humble act? He did not rebuke them nor did He even explain their error of misconception. The Master did that for them which they were too proud to do for themselves in the presence of one another. They seemed to have a fear that such an act would reflect on their dignity. The vanity of man. But the Jesus took water and a towel and washed His disciples' feet.

Another beautiful story of humbleness and devoutness occurred in the village of Bethany where Simon, the leper, lived. And while he was close to the Master, as the scripture records, there came an unbidden guest. It was a woman. The only characterization we have of her is that she was a sinner, and beyond that, we know nothing.

What she was like, we do not know. We do not know what she wore, what her attitude appeared to be, nor the expression of her eyes. We do not know whether her voice was harsh or whether it was soft and melodious. The record simply says "she was a sinner."

She came to where the Master was visiting with the lepers. There were no press conferences, no press releases, no society columns and no speeches. The record simply says that she came.

How simple it all appears. She brought with her an alabaster box of precious ointment. She stood behind the Man of Galilee who was doubtless sitting or kneeling at his repast, as was the custom. It was the posture of humility. She washed His feet with her tears. She dried them with her tresses, and then from the alabaster box, she took the precious ointment and anointed Him. Today we would probably call the ointment perfume.

There was no conversation; there was no record; there were no remarks to be examined. We only have this simple and humble record of her ministration.

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The disciples were there. The Holy Word says they were indignant, and we can all imagine that scene. We can particularly imagine Peter who must have been there frowning. You know he was such a sturdy, forthright, and practical soul. The anointing of the Master with precious ointment offended the practical sense of all the disciples. Quickly they translated it into an equation of their own. This ointment might be worth money, and the money could be used for alms and for charity, they said. How familiar these discussions are to us. We debate most every legislative day, in some form or other, fiscal and money matters of the Nation. We are constantly dealing with the great issues involved in the spending of these huge sums. We question methods; we examine the philosophies; we seek the practical; and many times we find it extremely difficult to be certain that we are right, even after we reach definite conclusions.

The Master must have listened to the argument, and then, with simplicity and logic, which is like majesty itself, He suddenly said, "Why trouble ye this woman? She hath wrought a good work upon me."

How simple, how compelling, and how persuasive that must have been. He simply said, "She hath wrought a good work upon me." A little later He said the things which have such an appeal on this memorial occasion. Very simply He said that what this woman hath done would be as a memorial unto her wherever the Gospel might be preached.

This is the unadorned story of a kindly deed—a very humble service—and there is the promise that it would be a memorial and would reecho down the corridors of time until the end of earth as a memorial to an obscure, unnamed woman.

As we think of our beloved colleagues on this occasion, we can imagine that they, too, brought with their endeavors in the Congress of the United States an alabaster box of precious ointment consisting of their devotion, their love, their af-

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fection, and abiding desire to serve their Nation, their State, their district, and their fellow man.

They brought with them the perfume of humble service, and these are the things which will live to adorn and to enshrine their memories.

The speeches which we make so quickly die upon the vespers of the breeze. The votes on which we and they are recorded will soon be forgotten. It is the human and kindly little things which are unheralded and unacclaimed, which will long be remembered on the tablets of the mind and the heart.

These little things which seem unimportant to us in the hurly-burly of a controversial atmosphere, will long be remembered by many people who were the recipients of some deed—who were the benefactors of some service by these, our departed friends.

Their actions were so intensely objective because they were rendered to people, to us, to country, to humble folks who looked upon them as their liaison agents of the Government.

Mr. Speaker, as all of you will, of course, understand, so very many of the myriad duties which we perform do not draw the headlines nor do they receive immediate acclaim. We know that the greater part of our work is done behind scenes—in the committees, in the conferences, and in the office—which require long and tedious hours of effort. It is here that the real work of the Congress of the United States is performed. It is not all spotlight. It is not all in the forefront nor does it make good publicity, but it is that day-to-day routine of duty—over and over again—probing and trying to bring about the type of legislation which is beneficial to the people whom we represent and to the world in which we live.

Yes, there was objectivity about their services here, and it so well illustrates that simple but compelling sentiment which the Master uttered when he said, "She hath wrought a good

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work upon me." And in humble service, may we hear again the pouring of water into the basin and in our imagination see the Lord Jesus washing the feet of His disciples.

These, our departed ones, wrought a good work upon us, upon their kinsmen, and upon their constituency, upon their country and the world. They wrought a good work, and it will be remembered.

What builds the Nation's pillars high
And its foundation strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
The foes that round it throng?
Not gold, but only men can make
A people great and strong—
Men who for truth and honor's sake,
Stand fast and suffer long—
Free men who work while others sleep
Who dare while others fly—
They build a Nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the sky.

Mr. Speaker, is it not possible that we, too, all of us, come here with an alabaster box of precious ointment, made up of the talents with which we have been endowed—the love we have for one another and our fellow men, the interest which we have in world affairs and the devotion which we entertain for this, our blessed country—to be used for the enhancement and progress of our Nation and the bringing of peace of mind and tranquillity of soul to a restless and troubled world?

This talent, if it be that, we can use, if we will, to soften the asperities and severities of life—to modify the hates with which we are often confronted, and to soften our own conduct, that it will be as a great spiritual wave and moral force for the Nation and for the world. As we use it freely and diligently, we cannot help but spill the precious and fragrant ointment of our own talents upon our colleagues and all those with whom we come in contact.

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As we ponder and reflect upon the personalities of these, our beloved, who have gone to join the throngs of the immortal, may we emulate the best that was in them and use the best which is in us to the end that we may wisely guide the destinies of our Nation and that it may be said, to whatever degree deserving, "we have wrought a good work."

I'd like to think when life is done
That I had filled some needed post,
That here and there I'd paid my fare
With something more than idle talk and boast,
That I had taken gifts divine,
The breadth of life and manhood fine.
And tried to use them now and then
In good deeds toward my fellow men.
But I'd hate to think when life is through
That I had lived my round of years
A useless kind that leaves behind
No record in this vale of tears;
That I had wasted all my days
In treading only selfish ways.
And that the world would remain the same
If it had never known my name.
I'd like to think that here and there
When I am gone there shall remain
A happier spot that might have not
Existed had I lived only for gain;
That someone's cheery voice and smile
Shall prove that I have been worth while;
That I have paid with something fine
My debt to God for life divine.

Mr. Speaker, as we survey the contemporary scene, is there anything so important as a restoration of common purpose—of domestic tranquillity and peace in the world? All this we may do in the happy labor in the cause of an ideal which we call the American creed.

My friends, in this blessed communion with our own, in sweet remembrance, we lay upon their lingering personalities the memorial of the living to the dead.

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The Congressional Quartet sang Beautiful River by Lowry, accompanied at the piano by Hon. Frances P. Bolton, a Representative from the State of Ohio.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. Curtis].

Hon. CARL T. CURTIS, a Representative from the State of Nebraska, delivered the following address:

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, we are assembled in memory of our departed colleagues. They were noble men. They possessed good names that were better than precious oil. The good that they have done will live for all time. We pay tribute to them not because they need our praise; but because we need the inspiration derived from meditation upon their lives and achievements. Our lives are richer and have more meaning because of them.

It is said that these colleagues are dead. The question—if a man die will he live again has been asked down through the ages. Countless people have asked that question. The sages and philosophers have recorded their version of the query along with the answers made to it.

There has always been within man a hope, a longing, and a thirst for a life that would be endless. An examination of everything about us justifies that hope and that longing. The whole scheme of things in the universe tells us that that thirst for life will be satisfied.

To hold that life ends when death comes to the body is to deny the law of compensation and the law of balance. These laws cannot be fulfilled without a belief in a future life. Our contention that justice ultimately will be done and that all wrongs will be righted falls meaningless if death ends all.

We see injustice all about us. Evil men are enthroned and men love darkness rather than light. The good and the inno-

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cent languish in prison and die without just rewards for their noble deeds. Evil doers oftentimes prosper without any obvious punishment. They have received their consolation. Honest individuals sometimes hunger without expectation of relief. Poverty and shame sometimes come to those who seem to least deserve it. Young men die in battle without having a chance to share the fruits of victory. Around the world little children die of neglect and starvation with no opportunity to grow to a productive maturity. Martyrs receive but persecution and death for championing a great cause without a knowledge of the ultimate triumph of their cause. Men are cast into concentration camps because they dare to speak or write the truth without assurance that the truth would eventually prevail. If death ends all, what compensation is there for all of these? These wrongs can only be righted in a future life. What reward is there for the martyred patriot or for the soldier of tender years who is cut down in battle if death ends all? Those who believe that justice will triumph and those who believe in an eternal balance know that life must go on. It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. It ends not. The hypothesis of immortality is the only explanation of man's troubles and the only solution to the mysteries of life.

An appreciation of nature teaches us that God, the creator, is the master architect, designer, builder, and artist. Man is His highest creation. Is it logical that God's rocks and waterfalls will last for ages but that His finest creation, man, should perish after threescore years and ten? Man, too, is a builder and an artist. Is it probable that man can build a cathedral that lasts for centuries but that man becomes nothing after a short span of life? The canvas that Raphael painted has endured for more than three centuries. Has God ordained that the canvas be preserved while the artist has fallen into dust?

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It indeed would be folly to contend that man's creation would last longer than God's finest creation.

The early men who roamed the earth and dwelt in caves, too, asked the question—If a man die shall he live again? They saw the plant life about them live and grow and die. They observed the short span of life for the animals. Death and disintegration seemed to be the order of things. As the early warrior fell to the earth the victim of either his enemy or of some mysterious malady, fear and doubt said to him—this is all; this is the end.

Early man had for his only answer to the meaning of death a hope, a longing and a thirst for life that he could not explain. As time went on wisdom and reason justified that hope. We, whose presence on this earth has been in the latter ages, have been blessed with a knowledge and a faith that have been revealed to man by God himself.

I would mention three pinnacles that stand out in the knowledge that has been imparted to man by God, and upon which our faith is built. About 25 or more centuries ago, Job pointed out the position of man and God when he uttered that profound inquiry, "What is man that Thou does magnify him?"

We are heirs to a faith that teaches that man is different from the trees and the animals that inhabit the jungles. Man is created in the image of God. The individual is of great value. He has a function to perform in the scheme of things. Man is a spiritual being and life eternal may be his. It is the gift of God.

About the time of Job the Psalmist reached another pinnacle in explaining the mysteries of life and death when he said:

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me.

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The highest pinnacle of revelation of God's wonderful plans was proclaimed by Him who was heralded by a voice out of heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son." The Son of God said: "In my Father's house are many mansions." Before these revelations man could but hope—now he knew. Knowledge and assurances are the foundations of our faith. Our doctrines are not the precepts of men.

In every age doubts will arise, and man will be prone to ask, "How can these things be?" That question is answered by millions who live by faith. The man who perhaps possessed one of the most brilliant minds that ever took part in the deliberations of the House of Representatives and the Senate spoke out on this. As death was drawing near, Daniel Webster wrote:

Philosophical argument, especially that drawn from the vastness of the universe, in comparison with the apparent insignificance of the globe, has sometimes shaken my reason for the faith that is in me; but my heart has always assured and reassured me that the Gospel of Jesus Christ must be Divine Reality. The Sermon on the Mount cannot be mere human production. This belief enters into the very depth of my conscience. The whole history of man proves it.

This is our Father's world. The sacred scriptures begin with the revelation of the truth that in the beginning God created heaven and earth and man. America's first charter of liberty, the Declaration of Independence, declares that we hold the truth to be self-evident that all men were created.

Man was created for a purpose. Man lives for a purpose. Those whose memory we revere today have but taken an advanced position in the infinite plan and purpose of God; unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

May I say that you here today are not alone. We walk by faith. More than 600,000,000 people around the world, in addition to the millions who have gone before, cling to a common creed that begins with the stirring words, I believe in

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God: That creed goes on enumerating the pillars of our belief. The climax of the creed is the best. The crescendo of this declaration of the faith of the millions is—I believe in the life everlasting.

Francis Stevens, musician, United States Navy, sounded taps, the echo being sounded by Frank Tiffany, musician first class, United States Navy.

The Chaplain pronounced the following benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift upon you the light of His countenance and give you peace.

Amen.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 543, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Chair declares the House adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 58 minutes p. m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 15, 1952, at 11 o'clock a. m.

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to
Karl Stefan

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Remarks by Senator Jenner *Of Indiana*

Mr. JENNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Appendix of the Record an article with reference to the death of Representative KARL STEFAN which appeared in the Human Events for October 3, 1951.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

OBIT FOR A CONGRESSMAN

When Members of Congress pass on, stiff obituaries in the papers give slight inkling of the real circumstances. We believe that in many cases the end is hastened by overwork and discouragement. This long and turbulent session has aggravated these causes. (Seven House Members have died since January.) The death yesterday of KARL STEFAN, according to friends, was in no small measure the result of excessive labors and a feeling he was waging a hopeless fight.

STEFAN represented the Third District of Nebraska. That is an area reminiscent of the early prairie communities so beautifully described by Willa Cather in her novels about Nebraska. The Congressman typified the friendliness, the sturdy individualism, and hatred of war and dictatorship which characterizes the folk out there. Like many of Miss Cather's characters, STEFAN came to the prairies from his native Bohemia.

Although of Czech race, STEFAN felt no bitterness toward the German people under Hitler and in 1948 did his bit for healing the scars of war. In that year he journeyed to the Rhineland, where he presented a gift of relief money from a town in mid-Nebraska to a German town. A stout fighter against centralized government, STEFAN was tireless in his efforts to curtail the veritable flood of dangerous requests for funds from Congress to expand collectivist power. Although discouraged by failure to stem this all-powerful tide, he never flinched. Ave atque vale.

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Remarks by Representative Curtis *Of Nebraska*

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, not long before he died, these prophetic words of KARL STEFAN's appeared in a publication for post-office employees:

When all the fine words are stripped away, a man is judged by how well he does his job. This applies universally—to you, to me, to every man or woman who has a job to do.

Then, let us not measure KARL STEFAN by what others have said about him. Let us not even measure him by intimate association and years of personal friendship. Let us measure him by his own yardstick—by how well “he did his job.”

His job was to represent the people of the Third Congressional District of the State of Nebraska. His job was to build his native State into a better place in which to live. His job was to serve the people of this Republic, to whose Constitution he had sworn undying support.

KARL STEFAN represented his people of the Third Congressional District of Nebraska. A schoolchild's problem or the civic needs expressed by the mayor of one of the largest communities in eastern Nebraska received the same careful study, the same prompt attention. One of his last public utterances was a spirited speech in defense of rural constituents who had been victims of a slurring attack by a reporter from a large metropolitan newspaper.

KARL STEFAN built Nebraska. Farm-to-market roads and new industries utilizing agricultural products are only two of the many monuments to his tireless endeavor in this field.

KARL STEFAN served the people of this Republic in many ways. He was of outstanding service in the field of international relations. Scores of Filipinos learned telegraphy from him in the years between 1904 and 1907. During World War II, this knowledge—passed on from father to son—grew into

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the "bamboo telegraph" that helped the liberating forces of General MacArthur. The Nebraska Congressman saved untold thousands of lives through his psychological warfare broadcasts. During his last year among us, KARL STEFAN laid down a powerful blueprint for an effective, American State Department. During that last year, he gave us his brilliant point-by-point analysis of the possible effects of the Treaty of Peace with Japan.

KARL STEFAN had a job to do. He did that job well.

His philosophy has been beautifully summarized in a letter which Abraham Lincoln wrote in August, 1858, saying:

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy.

The following service was conducted at KARL STEFAN's funeral in Trinity Episcopal Church, Norfolk, Nebr., on October 6, 1951, by the Reverend Ernest J. Secker, Rector:

FUNERAL OF THE HONORABLE KARL STEFAN, CONGRESSMAN

Organ music: Abide With Me, by Amy Wolt.

Vocal solo: In the Garden, by Mr. Russell C. Cummings, accompanied by Amy Wolt.

Rev. E. J. Secker: I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. Here we see through a mirror darkly but then are face to face.

Rev. Wm. H. Cowger, Forty-sixth Psalm: "God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble.

"Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

"Though the waters thereof rage and swell, and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

"There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God; the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.

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"God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; God shall help her, and that right early.

"Be still then, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.

"The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

Rev. William H. Cowger (One Hundred and Thirtieth Psalm): "Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, Oh Lord, Lord hear my voice. Oh let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint. If Thou, Lord, will be extreme to mark what is done in this, Oh, Lord, who may abide it. For there is mercy with Thee, therefore shalt Thou be feared. I looked for the Lord; my soul doth wait for Him; in His word is my trust. My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch. Oh Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his sins."

Rev. William H. Cowger (Twenty-third Psalm): The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for His namesake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me. I shall prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me. Thou has anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. Surely, Thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. And I will dwell in the House of the Lord, forever."

Rev. E. J. Secker: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The first lesson is taken from the eighth chapter of the Epistle to the Romans beginning at the fourteenth verse: "As many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. What

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shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who is He that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that He is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Rev. Wm. H. Cowger: The second lesson is taken from the fourteenth chapter of the gospel according to St. John, beginning at the first verse: Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas said unto Him, Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Here endeth the second message.

The Apostle's Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Rev. E. J. Secker: St. Paul says blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Father of all mercy and the God of all comfort, who comforteth all in our tribulations. That it is to comfort them which are in any trouble. By the comfort wherewith, we ourselves are comforted of God. The Christian Church is a fellowship and what bindeth all Christians together is the fact that the fellowship is imbued with the personality of our blessed Lord to the work of the Holy Spirit. The grace

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of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit. And so this afternoon, every person who is here is making a great contribution. Members of the Christian Church, by your presence, your personality, and your prayers, are giving great help and support to those who carry this heavy burden. With it you are going to get great relief from their tension. You are going to go from this service thoroughly comforted by the personality of our blessed Lord, through the operation of His Holy Spirit. And out of this great trial and experience they are going to be passioned, strengthened, and innobled by the thought that you are giving of your personality to support them in their time of sorrow.

The apostle said, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." It's a glorious thing, this Christian fellowship, wonderfully exemplified in his life with sects from Europe to the Philippines and had the privilege of living in the United States and yet with that historical, differential appreciation, it is that we've been made by the Christian fellowship, that we come here in this common bond today. And, so with all the hard work that he has done, his body, that has been sacred to his family lies here in the bosom of the Christian Church surrounded by those who love him, respect him, and no doubt in many cases have had character help, and lives shaped, and strength given. I wonder if we realize today how much that Christian fellowship is for our world in which we live because some day Mother Church will take us in her arms and may be placing our sermon of our life and character within some branch of the Christian fellowship, and we are here this afternoon in a very real way because we are those who believe in the reality of the unseen. The Christian Church gives allegiance with even more. The Christian Church is sustained by the Holy Spirit of God and those powers invisible to human eyes have been so strong and tangible throughout the ages that you and I in this town who are gathered together here this afternoon live in days of strenuous work and service. But I believe that in these days of crisis there is great joy in the service that anybody is able to render for fellow men and fellow women. There—in the vortex of Washington, he has lived his life. Also, he never forgot the need of a simple person or individual. To leave the busy life of Washington and to come to a simple funeral—it is a mark of a great character. And to know a man has need of help in his business or profession and to be willing to take time to supply them with a book from Congress that will help. I know of nothing greater than that personal interest that he had the privilege of showing for his fellow men and women. When our life's work is

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done it is other lives that we will have touched, I think in personal contact that will count so much. And, I believe, as I have had the privilege of making contacts with him, that he had a unique privilege given to him by God in his personality for friendship, the power to come close to human souls, to be humble as he made those friendships, where he by his greater power, could help them.

Perhaps today many take only a traditional view of the Christian faith. But when you and I know what he was able to do when he went to Europe, how lives have been redeemed and released by the contacts that he could make. It was his privilege of knowing languages he could speak to the hearts of those who in sorrow, were limited and ached. And how you men in Washington know that he was exceedingly sympathetic to Christian faith. I believe there is something strong and glorious in this service. He might have died early in life as a soldier and not had the glory of these surroundings, but nevertheless, I believe that the sacrifice that he has made, the splendid work he has done, the life he's lived so fully and knowingly, stands before God as vindicated because today there is no doubt that humanity is suffering tremendously, and there must have been something of the heroic in him to fly to those countries, to make observations, and to bring back to the great Capitol of our country information of the greatest value in our international relationships. And, so, if some here do find life hard, if they have entered heavily into toil and conflict, if they have been striving and sacrificing, believe me, that by that power they are releasing our world from that pressure under which it's living and are overcoming. We pray for wealth and beauty that we know we cannot own and we are ever asking for a honey sweet return, but God will make it bitter till we learn that with fears the race is won. The center of the Christian Church is a crucified Lord. The power of the Christian Church is in the power to suffer. And the Christian Church bears that witness today and I am glad that we have a soldier of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour who was incorporated into that, rendered such valiant service to his fellow men and women and in union with our blessed Lord proudly gave his life. Let us remember that love is greater than death, and good greater than evil, and no matter what may be our vocation in the world, no matter how busy we may be, or independently favored; the Christian faith is simple, majestic, compelling. And the greatest and the simplest have drunk from the well of life and rendered that service to the Saviour in that fellowship. And again, we have power to transmit sympathy, we have power to give strength that I feel is so splendidly exhibited here today in those gentlemen who have come from Congress, and the busy Governor of the State,

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have come here to sustain and support those who carry this great load of sorrow. Yet, today, all of us know the tremendous challenge the Christian faith remains. No matter what my work may be what does my life mean to God.

Have I the courage to put it in His hands and let the future take care of itself? Am I willing, life or death, as a good soldier, to cast all my care upon Him? Am I willing to interpret the great need and struggle of the present world history in terms of the past and Christ's Kingdom, and place that at the very center of all my life's action? These are no days for a gospel of ease. Humanity has undertaken a great task and we are brothers. Have been a prime example of the very finest exhibition of love and strength and tenderness and interest helping toward the salvation of mankind. And here am I, just a child in the church blessed by it and sustained by it. Hearing with you the wonder and comfort and the grandeur of the personality of our blessed Lord and the comfort of His holy spirit. And those of you who bear great strain today, let me tell you that the greatest teacher that we had in our church in the last century said this: The greatest healing for personality comes from worship, comes from prayer, and comes from the Holy Communion. We must enter into that for the release of our world and this morning as I was quiet here and outdoors, faces that were different in features, marked the countries from which they came; the sorrow, the reverence, and the relief that comes with it because he laid his hand tenderly on them. He knew youth and knowledge. He died for you. The Christian faith holds the key for the healing of our world today. If you want to help our world let us again renew our loyalty to him, the captain of our selfishness. Commit ourselves to him and reenlist his army and remain his faithful soldiers and servants, and for a lifetime. I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give to me at that day and are known to me only but to all those who love his appearance. I ask you quietly if we could stand for just a moment or two in quiet prayer, everybody making his contribution, for the Christian Church and what it means for mankind and the world today and all that he has done in a Christian way to be courteous and a Christian gentleman, I trust in the service of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Lord's Prayer: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead

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us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen."

"Remember Thy servant, O Lord, according to the favor which Thou bearest unto Thy people, and grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of Thee, he may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service, in Thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

"I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me: 'From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit; for they do rest from their labors.'

"O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life; in whom whosoever believeth, shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in Him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by His holy Apostle St. Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for those who sleep in Him. We humbly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Him; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in Thy sight; and receive that blessing, which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all who love and fear Thee, saying, 'Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.' Grant this, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

"Give unto us O Lord, the spirit of strength and courage. Let not any shadow oppress us. Spirits that roam to darken the light for which we have to live. Help us to play our part and help us to face courageously what life may bring them for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Pray for all men in the service, for those in active duty in Korea, the sick, the wounded, and the prisoners of war and those who made the supreme sacrifice. Almighty and merciful God, look down in love and pity upon all who are sick and wounded and those who administer unto them, on all prisoners of war, on all in distress and anxiety, and give them Thy help in spirit and in body. We ask it in the name of Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen."

Unto God, grace, mercy, and protection permitting, may the Lord bless and keep us, may the Lord let the light of the sunshine upon you and give you His peace, now and evermore. Amen.

Before we sing our last solo, I would like to recite to you his larger life in the world. KARL STEFAN was elected Representative in the United States Congress of the Third Congressional District

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of Nebraska in 1934, which gave him 17 years of continual service. He was sympathetic and interested in the Omaha, Winnebago, Ponca, Santee, and Sioux Tribes. They responded by adopting him into them. He gave service in the national legislature over a long period. Also, he was appointed on one of the committees of the House of Representatives and showed a particularly constructive interest in development of civil aviation. In law enforcement he showed interest in the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and also, fought to improve and strengthen the foreign service of the United States. Among awards and decorations that he received was Honorary Brigadier General of the Philippine National Volunteers. He received the Philippine Medal of Military Merit and a Meritorious Service Medal. A National Volunteer of the Philippines; awarded the Philippine Medal for Service in the Pacification of Luzon. Awarded the Cross of Eloy Alfaro for the Eloy Alfaro International Foundation for work on the Good Neighbor program. The Order of National Merit Carlos (Manuel de Cespedes) of Cuba. He was an honorary member of the Spanish War Veterans, a veteran member of the Military Order of Caribou. He received from the National University of Washington the degree of Doctor of Laws. He was a congressional advisor, accredited to the International Conference in San Francisco in 1945, that drafted the Charter of the United Nations; and most recently as a delegated congressional observer. He attended the San Francisco Conference that assembled to sign the Treaty of Peace with Japan.

Organ music: Amy Wolt.

Vocal solo: The Lord's Prayer, Mr. Russell C. Cummings accompanied by Miss Amy Wolt.

Organ music: America.

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Remarks by Representative Curtis
Of Nebraska

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, the following statement has been sent to me by Daniel Francis Clancy—Chief Big Writer—continental chief of the Continental Confederation of Adopted Indians. It pertains to the life and work of our late colleague, the Honorable KARL STEFAN. I wish to extend my remarks by including this statement:

The recent death of Congressman KARL STEFAN is greatly regretted by the Continental Confederation of Adopted Indians.

Representative STEFAN, who was appointed a continental councilman in this confederation a few days before his death, was the most adopted Member of Congress. He had been inducted into four Indian tribes.

My regret is expressed in behalf of the State great chiefs of our confederation—Hon. James A. Farley, of New York; Gov. G. Mennen Williams, of Michigan; Msgr. Nicholas Wegner, of Nebraska; Congressman E. Y. Berry, of South Dakota; Congressman Michael J. Kirwan, of Ohio; George H. Bechtel, of Kentucky; Rod Van Every, of Wisconsin; B. W. Jolly, of Oklahoma; William E. Grace, of California; and Charles L. Anderson, of Indiana—along with members of our national advisory board, which is headed by George M. Barmann, of Ohio.

America's adopted Indians mourn the loss of a fellow, and I am sure the Indians feel the loss of a friend.

DANIEL FRANCIS CLANCY,
Continental Chief,
Continental Confederation of Adopted Indians.
SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

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Remarks by Representative Hinshaw *Of California*

Mr. HINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, KARL STEFAN was my great and good friend. I am sure that every Member of this House who knew him can say those same words, because KARL STEFAN was the kind of person who made friends of all with whom he came in contact. But to me he was a very particular friend, a special friend, because we have had many interests in common, and hence many associations in our work here in the House of Representatives.

Among other things, he and I have been deeply interested in the subject of aeronautics. I have long admired KARL STEFAN for his keen understanding of aeronautics and communications. He not only was a careful student of these subjects but he was one who enjoyed flying and, in fact, had flown over most of the world. As a member of the Congressional Aviation Policy Board of the Eightieth Congress he served on its Subcommittee on Transportation and made many important contributions to the report of the subcommittee as well as to the report of the Congressional Aviation Policy Board. That report is known as Senate Report No. 949 of the Eightieth Congress, second session.

KARL STEFAN was the ranking minority member of the subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations dealing, among other agencies, with the Department of Commerce and the Civil Aeronautics Board. In that capacity he was in a position to know every detail of the Government's activities in relation to civil aeronautics, and to advance those important interests. His untimely and sudden passing comes as a piercing shock to us all. To those concerned with aeronautics his death removes a real pillar of strength that will not soon be replaced.

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Mr. Speaker, these poor words of mine, inadequate as they are in expressing my own grief upon losing my friend, are only a supplement to the many beautiful things that have been said of KARL STEFAN, and which I would like to be able to find the words for myself. My heart goes out to his lovely wife, his real companion over the years, with the hope that she may find some consolation in the knowledge that we here, in our ways of men, likewise loved her husband as a true and steadfast friend.

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Remarks by Representative Murdock *Of Arizona*

Mr. MURDOCK. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, I wish to insert in the Record the eulogies given by members of my committee on October 2, 1951, for our beloved colleague, the late Honorable KARL STEFAN, of Nebraska.

The committee met, pursuant to notice at 2 p. m., the Honorable John R. Murdock (chairman) presiding.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will be in order.

It seemed quite fitting that we should now hear eulogies of our good colleague who has recently passed from among us: the late Honorable KARL STEFAN, of Nebraska.

Mr. BOW. May I suggest that since our colleague, Dr. Miller, of Nebraska, is not here, he might be notified that our committee is taking this action at this time.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes; that is a very good suggestion.

Is there any one who asks for recognition while Dr. Miller is being notified?

The Chair would like to say on his own behalf that it is very saddening news we have just received. I was on the floor during the opening session of the House. I heard Congressman Flood, of Pennsylvania, state that our good friend from Nebraska was seriously ill. Then, of course, less than an hour later I heard that he had died.

Congressman STEFAN was indeed a prince of a man. I know from personal knowledge. He was effective and influential along with that. He played a great part in the heavy responsibility of appropriation measures.

I recall that he was interested in the development of the West, although he was not a member of this committee. He understood what the development of the West meant, and was very broad-minded and generous in his attitude toward that development. I think the gentleman from Nebraska, Dr. Miller, could go into that much more fully than I could.

I have never served on a committee with Congressman KARL STEFAN but I have noted his actions on the floor of the House, especially in regard to the treatment of Europeans who have been

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dispossessed by the war. I remember how valiantly he fought to admit some of those dispossessed persons and how careful he was in trying to screen them to get the cream of the crop of splendid people from Europe who would seek asylum to make homes here. Nobody was better able than KARL STEFAN to know the type of people that Europe held, that America ought to have. That was the thing that attracted me in that part of his legislative program.

Congressman Engle?

Mr. ENGLE. Mr. Chairman, I learned earlier in our session this morning that KARL STEFAN had had a serious and perhaps fatal attack. In fact our colleague, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. Crawford], made a statement that KARL STEFAN was possibly dying when he came in to the hearing this morning. So it was apparent to me, and it appeared to be to him, that our colleague was in a very, very serious situation.

I have known KARL STEFAN ever since I came to the House. We had a mutual interest which made us a little closer, perhaps, than we would have been otherwise, because, as in the case of the chairman, I had not served with KARL STEFAN on a committee.

KARL STEFAN was interested in aviation. He was one of the great advocates of aviation on the floor of the House. He was a member for a number of years of the Subcommittee on Appropriations which handled the funds for the Civil Aeronautics Administration, and generally, for aviation development. He was a member of the Joint Committee on Aviation Policy appointed by the President a couple of years ago, which was headed by the now Secretary for Air, Mr. Finletter. He had a tremendous grasp of all of the problems of aviation, military, civilian, and personal. I say personal. I mean personal flying, sportsman and business pilots, in which I am primarily interested. Very often I discussed with him problems of aviation. He was a forward-looking man in the field of aviation. He was a man who had grown pretty well to maturity before aviation came of age in this country, which it did not do until after the early thirties. But notwithstanding that, he was a man of vision, to grasp the potentialities of aviation, not only from a civilian but from the military standpoint, and he was for the broadening and continued development, and especially research, in the field of aviation, all of which has, in the last 20 years, contributed so much to the preeminence which this country now holds throughout the world.

I think his attitude in that one field is characteristic of his entire attitude in Congress, that of a progressive, forward-looking man who reached out beyond the perimeter of what is currently known

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and understood into new fields for further and greater development and progress.

But in addition to that, Mr. Chairman, KARL STEFAN had a wonderful personality. I recall one morning that we were listening to a program at home called "Coffee for Congress," a program on which Members of Congress appear, in the morning, and in which they are interrogated about background and personal philosophy and matters of a personal nature. KARL STEFAN was on that program; and my wife listened just casually during breakfast and she said, "I certainly like that man's voice. I like the way he talks. I would vote for him on just what I heard about him this morning." In other words, he had a way of getting his personality, which was a kindly, friendly, helpful attitude, across to the radio audience, and he got it across to the people whom he knew personally in the House. He certainly did to me. He was my neighbor down the hall. I saw him every day and it is certainly with deep regret and a personal sense of shock that I hear he has suddenly passed away.

The CHAIRMAN. Dr. Miller, the gentleman from Nebraska.

Mr. MILLER. Thank you, John. It is good that your committee has recessed in honor of KARL STEFAN.

I was at the hospital when he died, and it seemed to me as I stood in that room into which the deep silence of death had come that there was almost somebody else in the room.

As a physician, many, many times I have seen people live that I thought should die; and I have seen people whom I thought to die, live.

KARL STEFAN became ill on Sunday and went to the hospital. The last evening he suffered a severe hemorrhage from the aorta which collapsed his circulatory system.

I talked to the doctor at 11 o'clock this morning. He said, "I just do not see how he can live through the day."

KARL was born, as you know, in Bohemia, in 1884, and lived there for 1 year. He came over here at 1 year of age, as an immigrant, with his father and his mother, who came on out to Nebraska.

KARL was educated in the public schools of Nebraska. He had that little foreign tang in his speech at times, showing his Bohemian background. He spoke several languages fluently and in his district—I think he came here in the Seventy-fourth Congress—he was able to go with the Bohemians, the Germans or the Swedes, and talk their language; and of course that is quite a help when you go out to a barbecue and meet people. He was able to do that very well.

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He was at that time a radio newscaster, and KARL had taken up the art of telegraphy. He was expert in that, one of the early men dealing with telegraphy. He was in the newspaper business, a newspaperman. In fact, in his early days, I think he was a messenger boy for the telegraph people and he was so vigorous and worked his way through life, it was one of those typical success stories of a young man, a baby, in fact, coming over here and enjoying the liberties and opportunities of this country.

KARL always appreciated this country. I was probably as close to KARL STEFAN as anyone else in our delegation or anybody else in Congress. He lived 30 miles from where I was born, and I listened to KARL before he was in Congress, over the radio. I knew him. I knew him intimately.

Many times KARL and I would sit down after a day's work and have a chat and really let our hair down. He told me a lot of things I don't think he told any other man, and I was able to confide in him things I would not tell anyone else.

Within the last week we had one of those sessions and I knew he was not well. There was this cardiac difficulty, and I suggested that both of us ought to sit a little easier in our clothes and not work quite so hard. He was conscientious. He worried a good deal about his work. Within the last month he had an attack of influenza and virus infection which took something out of him, and when he came back from the San Francisco conference, where he made his contribution, I think all those things combined to lower his resistance and that the strain on his heart was too much to bear.

He was a great American. He died in harness in his work, and I think that was the way KARL would want to have it. I will miss him. He has been my confidant in many things. His contributions to his State, to the Nation, and to the world has been far more than the average man makes, because of his knowledge and languages and his many services. He was in the Philippine constabulary or guard at the time of the uprising in the Philippines. He has been so active and a good citizen, a Christian gentleman, and conscientious. He has a fine family and a fine wife. I know them well.

It was a shock to me when I heard he was ill. I went down to see him today. And it just seemed to me as life went out of that room, there went something out of the fabric of my life and of the work in the Halls of Congress that there will be a void impossible to fill.

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The CHAIRMAN. Congressman D'Ewart.

Mr. D'EWART. Mr. Chairman, when I came to Congress, I came to Congress in June and therefore did not have the benefit of meeting new people that those who came in the beginning of the session had. I had no particular friends. I knew no one here. I had no particular way of making contacts. And I still remember this. At that time the Nebraska delegation had a weekly breakfast and KARL STEFAN came to me and asked me to join that group, and proceeded to help me get oriented and to get acquainted and to get an understanding of the situation here in Congress.

Therefore I have always since that time been especially friendly and held an especially warm feeling toward KARL STEFAN, because of those early contacts. And he has helped me on various occasions since. For that reason I personally suffer the loss of a real friend and I regret his passing at this time. He certainly was the kind of a fellow who went out of his way in helping new men in Congress who needed guidance and help in the way to get acquainted.

I shall miss him very much and I am grateful for this opportunity to set forth on this record the debt I owe to this splendid Member of Congress who has just died.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Poulson.

Mr. POULSON. Mr. Chairman, I am really at a loss to express my real feelings on such an occasion, but I think one of the tests of the real statesmanship and fairness in our respected brother and colleague in Congress who has just passed away is those qualities which he demonstrated and has been demonstrating each time that he has handled a very controversial bill on the floor, known as the appropriation for the State Department. We know that there is a great difference of opinion. Feeling runs high. He has always demonstrated fairness, his willingness to see the other man's viewpoint and approach it from the fair rather than partisan or prejudiced basis, and I at all times have admired him for that.

I can remember very vividly just about probably a week ago when he made that impassioned plea on behalf of the bill to investigate the tragedies which had befallen the Poles and his own people over in Europe. At that time he made a realistic and an emotional plea, and I listened to him very attentively because he was presenting the picture of what had occurred in the true fashion of a real statesman.

So whether we happen to be of his political faith or not—and I happen to be—I know that the others would join in saying that we have lost a real statesman.

The CHAIRMAN. Judge Bosone.

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Mrs. BOSONE. Mr. Chairman, I should like at this time to express a very deep sympathy for KARL STEFAN's colleague from his own State, Dr. Miller. I think Dr. Miller feels the loss of Congressman STEFAN very deeply and we feel with Dr. Miller.

From time to time, I know, Members of Congress have said, "What is the use of expressing yourself on the floor of the House. It never makes a vote; it never takes away a vote." But I think that is entirely wrong. I know that on two or three occasions when Congressman STEFAN took the floor, I listened to every word he had to say, and I believe I followed him because KARL STEFAN said something; and I voted with him because I felt that he was honestly sincere and generously kind—the type of human being who is above anything that is small, even above politics.

I did not know him personally, except to say "Good morning" or "Hi" or to pass the pleasantries of the day in the elevator. But when he took the floor I gave him an open ear, and I believe in ever so many cases followed his vote because KARL STEFAN convinced me.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Morris.

Mr. MORRIS. It was, I believe, William Ernest Henley who wrote these words, which I am sure every one of us know and which go by the title of "Invictus" or "The Unconquered":

"Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.
In the fell clutch of circumstance,
I have not winced nor cried aloud;
Under the bludgeonings of chance,
My head is bloody, but unbowed.
Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.
It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul."

The reason I quote that is this: I did not have an opportunity to be intimately acquainted with KARL STEFAN. But, like my colleague, Judge Bosone, I have listened a number of times to his arguments, and I have followed his arguments on the floor of the House, and I have agreed with them on many, many occasions.

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I was impressed greatly with what his intimate friend and colleague and our own highly respected, valuable, and honored member of this committee, Dr. Miller, of Nebraska, said.

The things that he said convinced us, and they were pungent and clear and expressive, that he was a self-made man, an immigrant boy who came to this land that we like to refer to as the land of opportunity—and it is that and always has been. And I believe that **KARL STEFAN**, as much as perhaps any Member of this House, was the master of his fate and the captain of his soul. It was because of his own inherent honesty, integrity, and ability, coupled with his energy, that he reached the high position that he held in this great institution that we refer to as the Congress of the United States.

I say this with all sincerity: That it is my practice to know people with whom I associate; and when I find a person who I believe is honest and sincere and courageous, I always am drawn closer to that person.

I think that perhaps you feel the same way about it, and I did, honestly and truly. This is not just an idle statement on my part. I felt that **KARL STEFAN** was definitely a man of high integrity, a man of large capacity and ability, and a man of great courage.

Although, as I said, I did not have an opportunity to know him intimately well, I knew his voice, I knew his personality, I knew to a large extent his philosophy, as he expressed it on the floor—and I say to you, in my judgment the House of Representatives has lost one of the very finest Members that it has been my experience to know.

The **CHAIRMAN**. Mr. Bow.

Mr. BOW. Mr. Chairman, 92 years ago, my mother was born in Nebraska, and I have always had a great deal of interest in Nebraska. My grandfather and my grandmother had been pioneers in that great State.

In the Eightieth Congress, it was my privilege to be here as an employee of the Congress. **KARL STEFAN** was one of the ones who gave me a great deal of help and counsel during that period I was here as an employee of the House of Representatives.

When I was elected and came in here in the Eighty-second Congress as a new Member, he had been very kind in his advice and his counsel.

I have gone to him on matters pertaining to affairs that came to the floor. I want to reiterate what the gentleman from California [Mr. Poulson] just said about the speech that **KARL STEFAN** made on the State Department appropriation bill. I thought that

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it was one of the finest speeches I have heard since I have had the privilege of being a Member of Congress.

And although not being from his State, but feeling the kindred spirit I do have with Nebraska because of my maternal ties, I felt a great sense of loss in losing KARL STEFAN from the House of Representatives, and I shall mourn his loss and always revere his kindness to me as a new Member of Congress.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Jenison.

Mr. JENISON. Ordinarily there is so little to add and we have had such splendid statements on our honored colleague, that there would be little to say. But I think in the case of KARL STEFAN that story can be enlarged and elaborated and never exhaust the source.

I am sure we all share with Dr. Miller a feeling of great personal loss. I came here in the Eightieth Congress and I never happened to be associated closely with Mr. STEFAN in any of the particular committee functions; but it was not very long before I gained the obvious impression that he was a man of great ability and a great Christian gentleman.

I think his career and his success are in a sense a reflection of the greatness of the country he loved, and I suspect that he will leave us with an inspiration to try to strive just a little harder to do somewhere near as well.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Aspinall.

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Chairman, although I did not have the personal pleasure of having been a close friend of our late colleague, I do wish Dr. Miller to know that I join with him and sympathize with him in his deep personal loss and our general loss.

I can truthfully say that I sincerely believe that all the statements that have been made here today are deserved. I was like the lady from Utah. I have always been impressed with KARL STEFAN's contributions on the floor of the House and I have always listened to them because of his grasp of the subject on which he talked, and also his sincerity.

I would ask that this one other attribute be recorded in these eulogies to his memory, and that is his approach with us. When we come to Congress there are those who seem to hold themselves aloof from us and we do not know how to get next to them. And there are others who are happy, hale, and well met, and they do not wear too well. That is the way with society. Then there are others with whom you have some sort of kindred feeling, people who appear to be approachable, and whom, when you wish to approach them, you approach without any hesitation.

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I had but one opportunity to approach KARL STEFAN, and that was when I had three visitors here this last year from the University of Denver, three boys, two of whom were residents of Germany and one of whom was a citizen of Czechoslovakia. All three of them were in the last war on the side of the opposition.

When I found out that this young man from Czechoslovakia would like to converse with somebody who knew something about Czechoslovakia, I immediately went to KARL STEFAN and asked him if he would be kind enough to step out and talk to these boys.

For 20 minutes we were entertained—and I was entertained just as much as those boys were, because KARL talked in Czechoslovakian, in German, in Russian, and in English without varying one from the other. He just talked back and forth to these young men. I have heard from them since they returned to Germany, and if I understand their letter correctly, that was one of the outstanding experiences they had while they were here on a 6-month educational tour of this country.

We will miss a very able legislator. He will be sadly missed by his district and by the Congress of the United States, and it will be difficult to replace him.

The CHAIRMAN. If there are no others, we will bring the eulogies to a close.

Mr. ENGLE. Mr. Chairman, may I ask the unanimous consent of the committee that we be given an opportunity of revising and extending our remarks after the transcript is available, and then the unanimous consent of the committee that the transcript when finally revised in appropriate form and with appropriate expressions of sympathy from this committee be forwarded to Mrs. Stefan and to the members of KARL STEFAN's family?

The CHAIRMAN. You have heard the request for unanimous consent.

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The poet said one time on parting with his friend, and I think these words apply, Doctor, to your good friend:

"Green be the turf above thee,
Friend of my better days.
None knew thee but to love thee,
Nor named thee but to praise."

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Remarks by Representative Cole
Of New York

Mr. COLE of New York. Mr. Speaker, when the sad news reached me telling of the sudden death of my very dear friend, the Honorable KARL STEFAN, I was at sea, crossing the Atlantic aboard a military transport and bound for an inspection tour of our military installations in Europe. That this news came as a distinct shock to me is a mild expression of my feelings, for when I had left Washington, but a few days before, I had visited with KARL and thought him to be in the best of health.

My very close personal friendship with Mr. STEFAN began during the first year that he and I served in Congress, we having been elected in 1934. Both of us were members of the House Committee on Insular Affairs which handled legislation dealing with the Philippine Islands. Soon after the Seventy-fourth Congress convened in 1935, the entire membership of that committee with their wives were invited by the Philippine Resident Commissioner to attend the inauguration of the commonwealth government of the Philippines during the autumn of that year. Accordingly, Mr. STEFAN and I, with our wives, joined the group, which included Vice President Garner and Speaker Byrnes, and participated in the inaugural ceremonies at Manila.

Mr. Speaker, that trip was the beginning of a friendship between KARL and me and our families which I shall always treasure as among my richest possessions. Frequently we were together with our families, they at my home or my family at his home. His children, the son, Bud, and the daughter, Ida Mae, were the pride of his life. Never has a father had such joy and love and pride as KARL had for his son and daughter. He and Mrs. Stefan were constant com-

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panions; seldom, if ever, were they separated for longer than a day or so at the most. Away from the Halls of Congress, the dominating thought and interest which KARL possessed was with respect to his beloved family and eventually to his grandchildren.

The superior quality of KARL STEFAN'S statesmanship is well known to those of us here who served with him for so many years. Penetrating in his analysis of problems as they arose, convincing in his presentation of the arguments as he saw them, untiring in his devotion of the public trust placed upon him, KARL was a most effective and persuasive legislator. Whenever he undertook to participate in the debate, we knew that there was a man who knew his subject completely, the result of endless hours of research and study. Knowing him and his sound judgment, we were for the most part content to follow his recommendations with respect to a field of inquiry upon which he could speak with authority.

Though he was born in Austria, KARL possessed a consuming fervor of patriotism and love for his adopted country and extolled the glories of America on every occasion which was appropriate. This love of country was closely matched by his great pride in and affection for his State of Nebraska. To him Nebraska was the finest spot in the universe, no other possessing soil and resources, natural beauty, and rugged citizens in quite the same superior degree as the State which he represented in Congress.

We are going to miss KARL in our day-by-day deliberations and efforts here in the House; in fact, we have already felt his absence keenly. We miss his genial smile and glad word. We miss his wise counsel and his comforting advice. We miss those finest of human qualities which KARL possessed in such a generous measure. Mr. Speaker, I have lost one of the best personal friends of my life. I miss him deeply, but I am rich in my wealth of memories of associations with him and my life has been a happier and more wholesome one because of my friendship with him.

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Remarks by Representative Sabath
Of Illinois

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker—

Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak
Whispers the o'er-fraught heart and bids it break.

Mr. Speaker, it would be difficult for those who knew Hon. KARL STEFAN as a public servant to speak of him in terms that will not seem extravagant to those who did not so know him. This especially applies to me, because Mr. STEFAN and I were born in Bohemia and during all his service here we maintained from first to last a very intimate association officially and socially. I very much miss our weekly conversations, in our native tongue, reminiscent of our Old World experiences and regarding current major problems, which conversations were for me both pleasurable and profitable. A finer gentleman I have not known.

Even before our late friend arrived here to take his seat in the Seventy-fourth Congress he had attracted considerable attention by defeating another prominent Member from Nebraska, the late Honorable Edgar Howard, who was chairman of our Committee on Indian Affairs, a scholarly gentleman, who earlier had served as secretary to the Honorable William Jennings Bryan when he was a Member of the House.

Personally, I think it may be justly asserted for Mr. STEFAN, and truly said of him, that he was one of the most thorough, most careful, and in many respects one of the most capable legislators of his time. In saying this I do not mean that I agreed with all his legislative ideas and policies. However, in connection with any important legislation I always was

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glad to hear what Mr. STEFAN had to say, because thereafter I knew that I had all the salient points involved, pro and con, before me. He had an almost uncanny capacity for familiarizing himself with the intimate details and fundamental purport of every legislative proposition, together with a complete mastery of the rules and practices of congressional procedure.

His untiring industry and intellectual versatility was an enviable desideratum of his colleagues. No avenue of information was closed to him. He had explored all the high-ways and byways of legislative knowledge, and the confusing labyrinth of parliamentary procedure was a plain and simple path for him. Fearlessly he turned the light of constructive criticism on every measure, no matter whether its author was friend or foe. His one and only aim was to promote safe and sane legislation and to prevent the enactment of ill-considered and loosely drawn laws. He was a statesman in the broadest and truest meaning of the term. He was sincere, true, and forthright at all times and in all circumstances. The mask of an actor never fitted him. He was free of all affectation, cared naught for popular applause, but followed always the path of duty outlined by a conscience that was ever responsive to the noblest and most patriotic impulses of true manhood. One of the outstanding traits of his sterling character was his fine sense of justice and fairness. Unerring in his judgment of the capabilities of his fellow Members, he was always ready and willing to give credit where credit was due. None so quickly as he encouraged the worthy and deserving, and none so merciless in exposing sham and pretense. He believed that the great Republic had more to fear from the cowardice of its public servants than from their possible corruption. In the honesty of his soul he could not conceal his supreme contempt for the man who would sacrifice principle for expediency.

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Pressing forward in the right, as God gave him to see the right, he unhesitatingly took a firm and determined stand on every great question of public policy, regardless of the effect on his own political fortunes. With full confidence in his own integrity of purpose, undisturbed by criticism or abuse, he was content to look for vindication to the impartial judgment of the future.

Farmer, messenger boy, telegraph operator, newspaper reporter, editor, news commentator, director of a building and loan association, officer in the Nebraska National Guard, world traveler, linguist, scholar—all these tended naturally to fit our colleague for the heavy burdens that were ever upon his shoulders during the last 15 years, years freighted with the deepest consequence to Christian civilization. As chairman of his Subcommittee on Appropriations during the Eightieth Congress his was a most difficult task; but he did not fail. Senator Benton, then of the Department of State and shepherding that Department's appropriations through the Congress, has testified to Mr. STEFAN's success and accommodating courtesy in handling those appropriations during the Eightieth Congress, and others of mixed political affiliations have testified most favorably to Mr. STEFAN's constructive and fair work as a member of his important committee. It seemed that, practically speaking, his every act had a tranquilizing effect. His placid temperament always inspired confidence in any circle of men met for a serious purpose. Dust storms or rhetoric and empty bombast never engaged his attention, regardless of source. It was very easy for him to readily separate truth from error, logic from sophistry, the selfless from the selfish, magnanimity from parvanimity.

We mourn the passing of our great and good friend, but we rejoice in the new and greater realm into which he has now entered.

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Together with you, Mr. Speaker, and Members of the House, I join in sorrow and sadness with the family and kinsmen of our honorable deceased who need much strength to bear the loss which only they, and none other, can feel.

KARL STEFAN has left behind a record of splendid, altruistic service and an influence that is far-reaching for good. We sincerely mourn and regret his passing.

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The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D., offered the following prayer:

O Thou, who art always calling us to be partners with Thee in a holy alliance and in establishing peace and good will among men, we penitently confess that mankind is often so divided against itself and frequently so far astray from Thee.

Grant that all the members of the human family may be inspired with a more earnest quest for a closer union with one another and a more intimate fellowship with Thee.

We beseech Thee that in the realm of human relationships we may not be merely satisfied with cultivating and practicing the spirit of tolerance but may we strive to widen the areas of cooperation and helpfulness, with none seeking its own selfish advantage and welfare.

We pray that in spite of the many reverses and obstacles, which we are encountering, we may have the patience and courage to believe and hope that our troubled world is moving toward a new synthesis, when there will be further and more lasting reconciliations and agreements among the nations of the earth.

We thank Thee for the noble life and character of Thy servant who gave himself so wholeheartedly to this ministry of peace and reconciliation. Thou hast called him into Thy nearer presence. His sun went down while it was yet day only to rise again in eternal glory. May the members of his bereaved family receive the consolation of Thy grace. Hear us in the name of our blessed Lord. Amen.

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Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, the Giver of all life has placed his hand on one of our number and has said: Come here, my son, your labors are over. Enter into the reward that I have prepared for you.

His passing from our midst has torn our hearts with grief and we miss him greatly. He was such a gentle, kindly, loyal, and good man. It is difficult to announce that the Honorable KARL STEFAN died at the George Washington Hospital in the city of Washington on Tuesday afternoon, October 2, 1951.

The rise of KARL STEFAN and his election to Congress is an inspiring story of what can happen in this Republic. He was born on March 1, 1884, on a farm near Zebrakov, Bohemia, and immigrated to the United States in 1885. His parents settled in Omaha, Nebr., where KARL attended the public schools. Later he went to night school. He was successful in all his many undertakings including that of telegraph operator, news writer, reporter, editor, radio news commentator, and businessman.

KARL STEFAN was a resident of Norfolk, Nebr. There he lived a full life, and faithfully served his fine family, his church, his community, his State, and his Nation.

From 1904 to 1906, KARL STEFAN served in the Philippine Constabulary. He served in the Illinois National Guard and later was a lieutenant in the Nebraska National Guard. During World War I, he served his country as a radio code instructor. In World War II, he as a Member of this House not only carried the heavy responsibilities of a Representative but gave effective help in the prosecution of the war, particularly in reference to the Philippine Islands.

Mr. STEFAN was indeed a great citizen, soldier, and statesman, but more than that he was an exemplary husband and father and a Christian gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, to enumerate the contributions that KARL STEFAN has made as a Member of this body would take much time for it is spread on many pages of the Record through

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the years that he served here. He will be remembered for his regular attendance, his detailed knowledge, his clear understanding, and his great ability as a legislator. He was the master of many languages and was a world traveler. These fitted him for the task to which he was assigned. He was a helpful consultant to the Government of the United States in the formation of the United Nations, in the recent Japanese Peace Conference, and on many other occasions. He expressed his love for his country by rendering able and distinguished service for it. Of him can truthfully be said:

Statesman, yet a friend of truth. Of soul sincere,
In action faithful, and in honor clear;
Who broke no promise, served no private ends.

KARL STEFAN is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ida Stefan (formerly Ida Rosenbaum), and their two children, Dr. Karl Franklin Stefan and Mrs. Ida Mae Askren. To them we extend our deepest sympathy and point them to the words of the Master, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe."

Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. Miller].

Mr. MILLER of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed difficult for me to say the things that I would like to say about our departed friend and colleague, KARL STEFAN. Yesterday the book of life's activities for KARL STEFAN was closed. He passed beyond that veil that holds the answers to many mysteries of life. He has crossed the stage of life and disappeared behind the dark and mysterious curtain of eternal night. Yes, he has set forth to that mysterious land from "whence no traveler returneth."

Yesterday I stood at his bedside. There was a deathless silence filling the room. I could not help but feel that there was someone else in that room. I have had this feeling before because, as a physician, I have frequently been called upon to close the eyelids in death. I have seen people die that I thought should live and I have seen people live whom

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I surely thought would die. I know someone had them by the hand besides this physician.

The story of KARL STEFAN'S life is one of a humble beginning, of hard work which brought him success seldom equaled by other men. He was born in Zebrakov, Bohemia, March 1, 1884. His parents came to this country a year later. They had a humble beginning that could only be found in America. His parents came to escape some of the evils of the Old World.

KARL STEFAN was educated in the public schools of Omaha; attended night school; took a correspondence course; and was an instructor in the Morse and Continental Codes. As a young boy he was a messenger for the Western Union Telegraph Co., and he delivered papers to add his bit to the family purse.

AS KARL STEFAN grew to manhood he became interested in newspaper work. He was a reporter, city editor, and later became a radio news commentator. He was active in civic life; he was a member of several organizations. He was honored by the Philippine Government for his services with the Scouts.

KARL STEFAN was a great American who actually died in the harness. I guess that is the way he would have wanted it to be. He made a contribution to his State, the Nation, and the world, which was far beyond that of the average individual. He gave of himself unstintingly. He was honest, he had a strong character, and a high moral plane of integrity. You had to know KARL STEFAN to know the man. He was as friendly as a puppy and yet he had steel in his moral backbone that never waived when he thought he was right.

He was a sincere and tireless worker for the American people. His broad knowledge of international affairs—and he spoke several foreign languages fluently—made him a valuable Member of the Congress and the Appropriations Committee.

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He understood thoroughly the American philosophy of government. I am sure his parents, who were immigrants, instilled in their son an understanding of the principles of freedom and the love of God which gave him a fine and strong character.

He was a man with an understanding heart. His mind and character were enriched because he got wisdom in the school of hard knocks.

KARL and I had many intimate and confidential discussions not only about small but about the big things of life. It was just last Friday that we had one of those confidential talks. I learned to depend upon him. His counsel and advice were seldom wrong.

Mr. Speaker, a mighty oak of the forest has fallen. A noble soul has gone to his reward. The silver cord is loosened. The golden bowl is broken. The picture has been dashed to pieces. He has left indelible footprints on the sands of time that should serve as a proper marker for those who are to follow.

KARL STEFAN had many friends. It seems that one can truly say that the measure of a man's soul is in his capacity for making friends. He realized that the finest flower growing along the highway of life is that of fellowship and friendship with his fellow man.

KARL STEFAN realized that the greatest business in the world was that of making friends, and no investment on the street paid him larger dividends.

KARL realized that life was a great investment and that no one lived in vain who guards a hundred friendships as a miser guards his gain.

KARL has lived and hoped that no mortgages would ever foreclose his many partnerships of friends.

Mr. Speaker, Nebraska, the Nation, and the world has lost a sincere Christian man. My profound sympathy goes out to his wife and family.

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I will miss him very much and hesitate to bid a fond but lasting farewell to a man who was my friend. I think Kipling had someone like KARL in mind when he composed his *When Earth's Last Picture Is Painted*:

When earth's last picture is painted, and the tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colors have faded, and the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and faith, we shall need it—lie down for an aeon or two,
Till the Master of all good workmen shall put us to work anew.
And those that were good shall be happy; they shall sit in a golden chair;
They shall splash on a 10-league canvas with brushes of comet's hair.
They shall find real saints to draw from—Magdalene, Peter, and Paul;
They shall work for an age at a sitting and never be tired at all.
And only the Master shall praise us, and only the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame,
But each for the joy of working, and each, in his separate star,
Shall draw the thing as he sees it for the God of things as they are!

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. Buffett].

Mr. BUFFETT. Mr. Speaker, in the sudden passing of KARL STEFAN, Congress and the Nation have lost a wise and steadfast public servant. Nebraska has lost one of its most distinguished citizens. I have lost a valued friend and kind counselor.

KARL STEFAN's career was a story of what can be achieved in America by individual ability and industrious effort. He had energy and talents that have served the country well during his many years in this House.

His fatherly guidance and heart-warming friendship will be sorely missed by many of us. The memory of his presence and his achievements will serve as an inspiration to Nebraskans for long years to come.

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Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Martin].

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, life with all its thrills and joys is crowded with many sad moments—and no moment is sadder than when we pause to honor the passing of a beloved friend.

Today such a friend has gone, KARL STEFAN, of Nebraska, unexpectedly has received the call all must some day receive.

It is hard to believe KARL is dead. He was with us only a few short days ago. As he chatted with me I could not help but think he looked unusually healthy and appeared to be in excellent spirits. Now he is dead.

Born in Bohemia, coming to Nebraska a babe in his mother's arms, a Western Union messenger, a telegraph operator, a news reporter and editor, radio commentator, soldier in the Philippines, 17 years a Member of Congress, a student of Government finances, and an expert on foreign affairs.

What a career. What a service this Bohemian-born citizen gave to his adopted country—the country he placed first in his loyalty and his allegiance. It is a career that must be an inspiration to every boy—either immigrant or native. It is a career that could not be emulated in any country other than the United States.

KARL STEFAN was a hard worker; his death was unquestionably hastened by the long hours he devoted every day to his congressional career. Speaking six different languages and conversant with every country in the world and with world conditions, his death is a great loss to us in these days of world strife and unrest.

Everyone loved KARL STEFAN. He was a man without an enemy. In my long association with him, his friendship was one I highly prized. I never heard him speak an unkind word of anyone. His was a constructive mind.

We have all lost a real friend, a truly great legislator. Nebraska has been deprived of a fine public servant and America of a patriotic and constructive Congressman.

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To his good wife and his family go our deepest sympathy in this hour of bereavement. To all it is comforting to recall that while we will miss his kindly greetings and presence, his good deeds and good work will ever be an inspiration to all of us.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCormack].

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a sad moment for the membership of the House of Representatives to hear officially of the death of our dear and beloved friend and colleague. I thoroughly agree with the well-prepared and well-thought-out remarks of my colleagues who have preceded me in eulogizing this noble-minded gentleman, this gentleman of noble and lovable character. KARL STEFAN was loved by everyone who knew him. I know of no Member of the House who was more respected and loved by his colleagues than KARL STEFAN, a kindly man, understanding in his associations with his fellow men, a man of real charity, a man who never expressed an unkind thought in the years I have been associated with him in this body, a man of restraint in his views and expressions with reference to others, a man who had as complete control over himself as any human being possibly could have.

I speak not only as John McCormack losing a valued friend, but also as majority leader I speak for this side of the House, and I join with my Republican colleagues in expressing to you our deep sorrow in the passing of this great American, and this outstanding member of your party.

As Members of the House, we all join with each other in our kindly feelings, incapable of adequate expression, at the passing of this great man. As Members have said, his life's story is a real story of the Horatio Alger we used to read as youngsters, a stimulating story that brought thoughts of nobility into our minds. He was truly a great man; great, not because he was a Member of Congress, but because he

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was possessed of those noble attributes which make up a great and good man, a kindly man, and a noble man. No matter where men may live, in my opinion these things make a great man. **KARL STEFAN** was a great man in his own right in every sense of the word. The fact that he came to Congress and in this arena was able to evidence his greatness to the people of the country proves that fact.

I join with the Members of this House in expressing to his family my great sorrow. I express to my Republican colleagues the sympathy of this side in your great sorrow, and particularly to the Nebraska delegation, more particularly to the people of Nebraska and to the people of this great congressional district that he so ably and effectively represented.

For myself, I express my regret that I have lost not only a dear friend, but a friend whom I sincerely admired and respected.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. **Mr. Speaker**, I yield to the gentleman from Indiana [**Mr. Halleck**].

Mr. HALLECK. **Mr. Speaker**, fine, sincere words are being spoken in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, a Chamber until recently graced by the presence of a great American, a great father and husband, **KARL STEFAN**. They are being spoken in memory of **Mr. STEFAN** by his colleagues; yes, and by his friends who loved him and admired him and respected him.

Sincere words, I said, and so they are. May those of his family and friends not privileged to be present to hear these words spoken, know from us that they are sincere. These words come from the very bottom of the hearts of the people here who have worked with **KARL STEFAN** through the years he served so ably and so honorably as a Member of the House of Representatives. May they take comfort in the knowledge that they are sincere words, words spoken so that everyone may understand how deeply we mourn the loss of our great friend.

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It seems but yesterday, that day in 1935, when, with **KARL STEFAN**, I came here as a fledgling Member of the House of Representatives. Those of us who have served through these troublesome times well understand that even though it seems only a day ago, yet we have seen the constantly increasing burden of problems and difficulties with which we have had to contend. These problems and difficulties become at times so intense as to result, undoubtedly, in the sad situation which sees a man much too young to die sacrificing himself in noble, unselfish service to his country.

I would characterize **KARL STEFAN** as a man of strong convictions but a man always willing to listen to reason; strong, but always gentle; firm, but not unbending; typifying the highest type of congressional service. **KARL STEFAN** was a man who became a specialist in that particular field that was assigned to him in the work of the House of Representatives, yet remained always a servant of the people he was privileged and honored to represent, always mindful of the problems peculiar to them, making their attitudes, their needs, and their desires heard in the Hall of the House of Representatives. Finally, I would characterize **KARL STEFAN**, as not only the able Representative of a great district from the great State of Nebraska, but as Representative of the people of the United States and of the people of the world, for whom he had the utmost love and affection and of whom he had the deepest understanding. It is tragic that he has left this Chamber and his work here. We shall miss him, but may it not well be said that having known him and having been privileged to witness his example each one of us will be a better man or woman, better able to represent our great country in this time of danger and strife?

Mr. **CURTIS** of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Taber].

Mr. **TABER**. Mr. Speaker, **KARL STEFAN** came on the Appropriations Committee very soon after he became a Member of this House. There, by his industry, faithfulness, sincere

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strong character, his ability to size up situations and to work them out he became a very valuable Member.

I think KARL STEFAN had about as wide a range of knowledge and understanding as any man whom I have known in this House, and his service was of tremendous value to the people he represented, to the State, and to the country as a whole; and, I might say that perhaps it got beyond that into the world. We are going to miss him; we are going to miss his fine spirit; we are going to miss the things that he could do better than some of the rest of us; but, we must all be glad, we must all be proud that such a fine character has been with us.

To his family, one of the most devoted I know, I give and extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. Cannon].

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, one of the many compensations of membership in the House of Representatives is the opportunity to develop personal friendships with the exceptional men and women with whom we are here associated. And one of the inexplicable features of our service here in the House is the suddenness with which that friendship is too often abruptly broken—as it has been broken today in the death of our friend and colleague, KARL STEFAN.

If anyone had asked me yesterday who of all our colleagues was probably the next to be called, KARL STEFAN would have been one of the last brought to my mind. If anyone had asked who of all our colleagues in the House we could least afford to lose, certainly he would have been among the first to be mentioned.

His death removes from the House and from a busy and hard-pressed committee one of its most indispensable members at a critical time in the work of the committee and in the relations of our Government abroad. For his particular section of the committee is directly concerned with in-

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ternational relations and world problems at a time when our Nation has, willingly or unwillingly, been thrust into a position of world leadership. For a decade, either as chairman or as minority ranking member of the subcommittee, he has devoted his great talents to this important work with singular success.

He was especially fitted for this particular work. His calm judicial temperament, his poise, his fluent knowledge of European languages and the historic background of European politics and culture, his deep interest in the current problems not only of our own country but of world humanity, made him one of the most useful members of one of the most responsible subcommittees of the House. Regardless of all considerations of sentiment and affection we can ill afford to lose him in these trying times.

But it is not of his talents, his service, his value to his country that we are thinking this morning. We are thinking today of a friend, of a comrade, of a loved associate who has labored with us through these trying years and who has passed on ahead of us into that undiscovered country from which no word has ever come back to us. And his sudden passing brings back to us again the old question which has been asked in every generation since the beginning of time. You will recall the answer of Ion to that question in the drama of Euripides. As the devoted youth stepped into the garlanded procession on its way to the amphitheater where he was to give up his life as a sacrifice for his country, his companion by his side asked the old, old question: "Shall we meet again?"

And the youth, pausing for an instant's meditation, answered as if my sudden inspiration:

I have asked that dreadful question of the hills that are eternal, of the clear streams that flow forever, of the stars amidst whose azure depths my raised spirits have walked in glory, yet they are dumb. But when I look into thy living, loving face I see that which, mantling through its rich beauty, tells me it can never die.

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Life is eternal. Love is immortal. Friendship is deathless.
We shall meet again.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Wigglesworth].

Mr. WIGGLESWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I feel a sense of deep personal loss in the passing of our good friend and colleague, KARL STEFAN, of Nebraska. I shall miss him greatly.

Born overseas some 67 years ago, and coming to this country in the first year of his life, he was destined to lead a career that began as a messenger boy for the Western Union and that culminated in 17 years of distinguished service as a Member of the Congress.

His experience in the National Guard, his experience in the Philippine Constabulary, his experience on the various rungs of the ladder in the publishing field, gave him not only many friends in every walk of life but a broad understanding of human nature.

His ability as a linguist, with a capacity to speak fluently a number of languages, his wide travels throughout the principal countries of the world, gave him a grasp of world conditions which was invaluable to him in this day in which we live.

To read his record is to appreciate what a wide, varied, and successful life KARL STEFAN had.

The decorations which he received, the honorary degree of doctor of laws conferred upon him, bear witness to some extent of the appreciation of his success in life.

Mr. Speaker, I knew KARL STEFAN intimately over the years.

I worked with him closely as a member of the Appropriations Committee, to the work of which he contributed so splendidly, particularly as chairman and as the ranking minority member of the subcommittee to which he was assigned, having jurisdiction over appropriations for four of the major divisions of the Federal Government.

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Anyone who heard his major speech this year on the bill making appropriations for the State Department, the Department of Justice, the Commerce Department and the Judiciary and who was present at the ovation which he received at its conclusion, will appreciate the grasp which he had in the field in which he had specialized.

I not only worked with him closely in the Congress; I had many good times with him out of Congress. One of the happiest memories I have in this connection is of a trip which we both made to Europe as delegates to a meeting of the Interparliamentary Union in 1939, a meeting which terminated just a day or two before the forces of Hitler marched into Poland.

Mr. Speaker, KARL STEFAN was a man of high character, of great ability, with a real understanding of human nature, and with a temperate and balanced judgment.

It was his privilege to make a great contribution during his lifetime to his State and to the Nation.

We can ill afford to lose him at this difficult time.

I join with all those who have spoken in extending heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Stefan, to the other members of his family and to all those close to him.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Reed].

Mr. REED of New York. Mr. Speaker, again Old Glory drops to half-mast as a mark of respect to a great American. A dear and beloved colleague has left us. This time it is Hon. KARL STEFAN, one of the ablest Representatives who has served in the House of Representatives in our time.

The public service rendered by our dear colleague will ever be a yardstick by which to measure exceptional and outstanding congressional representation.

Whenever I shall think of Hon. KARL STEFAN and his able and patriotic service to his country, I shall recall these words:

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That which raises a country, that which strengthens a country, and that which dignifies a country, that which spreads her power, creates her moral influence, and makes her respected and submitted to, bends the hearts of millions, and bows down the pride of nations to her—the instrument of obedience, the fountain of supremacy, the true throne, crown, and scepter of a nation is not an aristocracy of blood, not an aristocracy of fashion, not an aristocracy of talent only; it is an aristocracy of character. This is the true heraldry of man.

Mrs. Reed joins with me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Stefan and her family in this time of their great bereavement.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Rooney].

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I am one of those who, on a sad and solemn occasion such as this, cannot command such brilliant language and oratory as we have heard here in this Chamber this afternoon. My heart is too heavy. I simply and humbly say that the State of Nebraska has lost one of its ablest Representatives, this House one of its most respected Members, and our Nation a great American. I have lost an esteemed and close friend. I have had the pleasure and the benefit of serving with KARL STEFAN on the Subcommittee on Appropriations for the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce and the Federal Judiciary day by day, week by week, month by month, and year by year for over 6 years. Never in all that time did I hear KARL STEFAN express an unpleasant or unkind word. Yet KARL STEFAN was a man of strength and firmness. KARL STEFAN was a man possessed of great principles, and a man who despised smallness or sham whenever he found it. KARL STEFAN was one of the ablest members of the great House Committee on Appropriations. I appreciated then, and do today appreciate the many things I learned from him with regard to the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and the Federal Judiciary. I learned much about civil aviation, and the aviation industry, and the State Department

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from KARL STEFAN, and about such important bureaus as the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in both of which he always expressed such a keen interest. But beyond all this, I had the great pleasure of knowing him intimately outside the Halls of Congress. It is only about 3 weeks ago that I attended the Japanese Peace Conference at San Francisco with KARL and his lovely wife, and his son, Dr. Karl Stefan, and daughter-in-law. We had a most pleasant week together. It was only last Thursday evening that KARL, apparently in the best of health, was, with the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Preston], the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Davis], and some others of us, at a pleasant soiree here in Chevy Chase at the home of Phillips Moore, Director of the Office of Airports of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, and we had a very pleasant few hours together. Little did we think on that evening that we would be here today lamenting his passing.

Mr. Speaker, may I conclude by saying that we have all suffered an irreparable loss. I shall miss KARL, but shall treasure forever my friendship and association with him. Mrs. Stefan, his son, and daughter have my deepest sympathy upon their loss of a devoted husband and fine father who has left them the consolation and heritage of a respected name and the exemplary record of many years devoted to public service.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Clevenger].

Mr. CLEVINGER. Mr. Speaker, fate has a strange way of doing things. KARL STEFAN and I came to Nebraska the very same year. He came in his mother's arms from Bohemia, and I arrived in the conventional manner in the same State. As I think of the boyhood days that he and I both spent in that State of magnificent distances—why between the little ranch where I was born and Norfolk there was not an object which would obstruct your vision if your eyes could

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see that far—I never dreamed that the last several years of his life would be spent in such intimate contact as I have had with KARL STEFAN. You know yesterday, he and I were the only members of our party on the subcommittee, and during the years of intimate association with KARL, I have grown to appreciate him and love him as I love one of my brothers.

No one could be kinder. No one could be stronger nor more inflexible when principle was concerned than KARL STEFAN. It has been said he was a citizen of the world. He was. But he preserved something that most Americans lose when they become citizens of the world. That is, his first love for his adopted country. A boy who was born in Nebraska never loved that soil a particle more than did the little immigrant boy from Bohemia whose mother carried him there. KARL STEFAN never lost that love of his duty and his respect for this Republic. That cannot be said of many others who have served in this body and in the other body of this Congress. There were no other gods before his God when it came to his reverence for deity. There was no other country ahead of his own adopted country. I have seen him suffer when the Government of Bohemia was destroyed and his friend was killed. I have seen those things that have added to his suffering, because I sat next to him and I have been very, very close to him. Some of you missed a friend. I just do not believe any of you can measure my loneliness this day and this hour, when after we have paid our last respects to KARL STEFAN I will probably have to move over into his chair. There is one thing that I pray, that the spirit that guided KARL STEFAN will guide me and help me through these lonesome hours. I miss him more than anyone can tell.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Sabath].

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, I have known KARL STEFAN longer than any other Member of this House. I knew him

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long before he came to Congress. I knew his people. I always recognized in him those qualities of nobility, honesty, loyalty, and godliness we all hope to find in real Americans.

I, too, was born in Bohemia, as KARL STEFAN was. Consequently we became very close friends. We lived in the same place here in Washington for many, many years. He was a wonderful soul. He loved to utilize some of the linguistic powers which were his. Every chance he had to try me out to speak, whether it was Bohemian, whether it was German, whether it was Slavic, or other languages of which he had a knowledge, it gave him a great deal of pleasure to do so. I know he enjoyed it. Consequently I learned to admire and to love him, because his views were my views.

Only a few months ago we both broadcast messages to our native land, Bohemia, through the facilities of the Voice of America, in an effort to strengthen the minds and the will of the people behind the iron curtain who are bravely fighting again for freedom and independence. He expressed the wish that some day soon the little country of Czechoslovakia, into which Bohemia was incorporated, that had made such great progress as an independent nation through our efforts following World War I, would again attain that freedom and independence so dear to the hearts of her countrymen. Unfortunately, he did not live long enough to see that wish come true, but I earnestly hope that his wish and his prayer will be fulfilled in the very near future.

It is, indeed, gratifying and pleasing to me to hear these many kind remarks about KARL STEFAN, the boy that came from Bohemia. There are many others in that great State of Nebraska who came from the same stock. They have contributed magnificently to the growth and development of his home State of Nebraska and I hope they will continue to love and work for the interests of their adopted country above everything else. And why should they not do so? Where else could KARL STEFAN or myself, or anyone coming from a

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foreign land attain membership in such a great body as this, legislating in the interest of the greatest Nation in the world, a Nation which I hope will continue to be the greatest, most liberal, and the richest country on the globe.

He will not be with us any more. In him this House loses a great legislator, a great humane gentlemen, an outstanding and loyal American.

There is nothing that I can add to the words that have been so splendidly uttered about his past and about his record in this House. I, too, join with my colleagues in expressing to his lovely and devoted wife, to his son, and to his daughter my heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. Hoeven].

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing of my very good friend, KARL STEFAN, comes as a great shock to me. I sought him out when I first came to Congress almost 10 years ago in that his congressional district in Nebraska adjoined my district in Iowa, only the Missouri River separating us. I knew we would have many interests in common and throughout the years we freely exchanged ideas on matters related to our respective agricultural districts and the common welfare of our people.

KARL STEFAN was a great American. He worked zealously at his job as a Representative. He fought valiantly for the American way of life and our system of free enterprise. Through hard work and devotion to duty he gained a position of prominence in the House of Representatives as a member of the great Committee on Appropriations. He came to be recognized as an authority on all matters pertaining to appropriations for the State Department and the Diplomatic Service. He leaves an empty void which will be hard to fill.

KARL STEFAN loved America. He came to this, his adopted country, with his parents from Bohemia when only 1 year

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old. He came up the hard way in this great land of opportunity. Beginning as a messenger boy, he successfully became a telegraph operator, news writer, reporter, city editor, and a radio news commentator before being elected to Congress. In these Halls he has served with honor and distinction for almost 17 years.

In the passing of KARL STEFAN I have lost a dear friend. I shall miss him very much in the days to come. The House of Representatives has lost one of its most valued Members, the Third Congressional District of Nebraska has lost an able and conscientious Representative, and the State of Nebraska and the Nation have lost a great patriot and citizen.

My deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Stefan and members of the family. May God give them strength and courage in their hour of sorrow.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. Kerr].

Mr. KERR. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I attempt to pay a tribute to our devoted friend and to one of the most outstanding Members of this body for more than 20 years. He was brought to the United States when he was 1 year old—he knew but scant information of his native birthplace until he became one of the first citizens of this great Republic. He would have been a great man had he never come to the United States. God endowed him with characteristics which would have been great and important in any intelligent nation.

During his congressional life, in my opinion, no Member of this body ever adhered more intuitively and consistently to the highest standards of conduct. KARL STEFAN was successful in whatever he undertook to accomplish; he had the confidence of his fellow man and those who knew him best did not hesitate to join in matters he advocated and follow him with complacency. He was loyal to his party but never hesitated to disagree with those he conceived to be wrong.

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He was above reproach in his record and commanded the respect of all even when few were in agreement with him.

His great State, Nebraska, has lost a great citizen who sought always to fulfill the duties assigned to him. This Nation will always be great when Representatives of KARL STEFAN's type fulfill the duties assigned to them.

May God bless and keep his loved ones. I cannot appraise his friendship and I shall cherish his friendship until we meet in that "city which has foundations whose builder and maker is God."

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. Hope].

Mr. HOPE. Mr. Speaker, it was a great shock when late yesterday I heard of the death of my dear friend, KARL STEFAN. I remember well when he first came to Congress. I was anxious to meet him at that time because his election had been something of a political upset, and I wondered what manner of man he was. And I also wanted to welcome him as one coming from a neighboring State and from a district with problems similar to those of the one which I represent. It was easy to become acquainted with KARL STEFAN. He was a friendly person, and I can readily understand why he was so popular then and since with his Nebraska constituents.

KARL STEFAN had such a sweet, gentle, and lovable personality that it was impossible to be his acquaintance without being his friend. He came to Congress after a wide experience in working with people in all walks of life not only in this country but in other parts of the world. He was a self-made man in the very best sense of the word, and his life could very well be cited as exemplifying the opportunities which exist in America. It is a great success story and should be an inspiration to every boy and girl and young man and young woman in America today.

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KARL STEFAN came to Congress at a time when great economic and political problems were confronting this country and the world. He played a conspicuous part in dealing with those problems. I think it is fortunate that during these years we have had a man with the temperament, the ability, and the experience of KARL STEFAN occupying important positions here in the Congress. He was active in many lines, but I am thinking particularly of his work on the Committee on Appropriations, and as chairman and ranking minority member of the subcommittee dealing with appropriations for the State Department. This was a position for which his wide experience, broad outlook, and keen intelligence peculiarly fitted him.

KARL STEFAN was a man with a great heart. He had a genuine love for humanity, and his every thought and action demonstrated this. I feel that the Nation and the Congress have benefited tremendously because of his service, and as an individual I am better for having known him during these years. Although he is gone his work will live on; and much as we shall miss him, all of us who have had the privilege of being associated with him will treasure many happy memories.

To his wife and children I extend my most sincere sympathy and the hope that they will be given the strength to carry their heavy burden.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may extend their remarks at this point in the Record.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nebraska?

There was no objection.

Mr. RAYBURN. Mr. Speaker, KARL STEFAN's passing has brought deep sorrow to all of us. Knowing him has enriched the lives of all of his colleagues in this House.

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His was a great and a lovely soul. An immigrant lad, the doors of opportunity opened to him. This is truly a land of opportunity for all, that is why we love this country so.

I shall miss him always, and to his devoted family I offer my very deepest sympathies.

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in mourning the passing of KARL STEFAN and in paying tribute to his memory. I had a special affection for him. He and I were in that group of 100 new Members of Congress who were first elected to the House of Representatives in November 1934. KARL STEFAN was a Republican, but I soon learned that he had little time for and little interest in strictly party matters. He was an American in every sense of the word and the welfare of the country was his consuming and paramount interest.

After a time KARL and I were appointed to the House Appropriations Committee and we served together for a period as members of the Subcommittee on Appropriations for the District of Columbia. KARL STEFAN was a great friend of the people of the District of Columbia and he deserves the praise of the people of the District for his fine and unselfish service in matters involving the District.

KARL STEFAN was a statesman. He served well, and with unceasing industry, the people of his home district in Nebraska. But his interests were world-wide. He was greatly interested in the cause of world understanding and peace. He had traveled widely in Asia and Europe. He had a grasp of world conditions which marked him as a leader in this field in the Congress.

KARL STEFAN was much beloved for his fine personal qualities. He was gentle and kind. He was thoughtful and tolerant. He was friendly and of an understanding nature. He was a good companion. I join with my colleagues in expressing deepest sympathy to Mrs. Stefan and their two children.

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Mr. WOLVERTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with a feeling of deep personal regret and sorrow that I learn of the passing from our midst of our honored and respected colleague, KARL STEFAN.

KARL STEFAN was a man of strong convictions. His sincerity of purpose was recognized by all who have served with him in the House of Representatives. At no time, was he willing to compromise his allegiance to any cause where a fundamental principle was involved. He was careful to ascertain all pertinent facts that had a bearing upon any subject before the Congress. His opinion upon matters of legislation was respected for the reason that his decision was always the result of studied judgment. It was based upon facts. Once his mind was made up he followed the course his judgment dictated to the end. The great influence he exerted in the House was due to the knowledge upon the part of the Members that he was well informed on the facts of the issue under consideration, and was sincere in the conclusions he reached. His service to the country, his State, and the Third Congressional District of Nebraska has been able, sincere, and distinguished.

It is also appropriate to make reference to the deep love he had for this country, its free institutions, and its people. His patriotism was of a high order. It was a part of his heart and soul.

Throughout the years that our colleague has served with us we have observed the close and happy relationship that has existed between KARL and his good wife. We can readily understand the deep sense of loss she feels in the sudden passing away of her faithful and considerate husband. We extend to her and other members of the family our deep and sincere sympathy.

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I find it very difficult to express in words my feelings about KARL STEFAN which, perhaps, is due to the suddenness of his death that has

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shocked us all, and also because I have always felt that his was a character somewhat set apart from the rest of us. I do not mean by this that he was aloof from his colleagues, because he was a most approachable and thoughtful person, but his nobility of character created a feeling that made him different from others. I have seldom known a man with more intense feelings and convictions, backed by a matchless courage. He was an inspiration to all who knew him.

Although not a native-born American, he brought to our citizenry a tremendous desire to be of service to the cause of freedom and he continually resented any encroachments which might abridge the free rights of any citizen. His long record of public service and active participation in many activities having to do with the promotion of civil liberty and constitutional rights made him honored, respected, and beloved by a host of men and women who will miss his counsel and his kind heart.

KARL STEFAN was the type of American that we need more of in these days for by his example of Christian service and devotion to high ideals, all who knew him recognized him as a leader and honored him as a friend.

Mr. HEDRICK. Mr. Speaker, one of the first Members of the House of Representatives I had the pleasure of meeting in 1945, when I first came to Congress, was the Honorable KARL STEFAN. That friendship existed between us since that time. It was my privilege to serve on the Appropriations Committee of the House with Congressman STEFAN, and I had the opportunity to observe his ability and integrity, his sincere attitude toward his duties and his Government. Mrs. Hedrick and I had the good fortune to live in the adjoining apartment to Congressman and Mrs. Stefan at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington for about 4 years. I can truthfully say that I have never known a more neighborly or a more co-operative individual in my whole life. He was an excellent neighbor.

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It was a great shock to me, as well as to all the Members of the House of Representatives, especially the members of the Appropriations Committee who knew him so well, to learn of the illness and death of this distinguished American. It is extremely unfortunate that our country has to lose the knowledge and ability of this gentleman in these trying times. The State of Nebraska has lost an able Representative; the Nation has lost a real statesman.

I join with all the other Members of the House in extending sincere sympathy to the family, especially to Mrs. Stefan who was so close and who cooperated so beautifully with her husband.

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives cannot afford to lose men like KARL STEFAN. His outstanding service in this House is known to every Member. His passing is a personal loss to me. Just last week he came to me with a statement of his impression as to events at the San Francisco Peace Conference. He carefully read each line to me, and I told him that it was an excellent statement; in fact, it is the best I have seen. It appears in the Record for last Thursday.

At the San Francisco Conference it was the happy privilege of Mrs. Smith and myself to see KARL and his wife, his son, Dr. Karl Stefan, Jr., and his wife quite often. They were constantly interested in our welfare, and we shall never forget the many courtesies they extended to us. The devotion of KARL STEFAN to his fine wife and family will always remain a pleasant memory to us.

Mr. Speaker, KARL STEFAN was a self-made man. As a young man he worked his way to prominence in the field of communications, starting at the bottom. He often spoke of his trips from Chicago to Racine, my own city, on excursion boats that plied between the two cities. Later he turned to newspaper work and then to radio, and subsequently he was elected to this distinguished body. Hon-

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est, hard work brought KARL STEFAN to the top in his chosen work.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Appropriations Committee it was his responsibility to pass upon State Department appropriations. He became an expert in this field. I often talked with him about the Department's requests, and very patiently he would acquaint me with all of the details.

Mr. Speaker, KARL STEFAN expressed great concern about our global spending and our present foreign policies. Yet he staunchly defended the Department in its basic policies. On the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1951 KARL STEFAN made one of the best statements that was made in the course of that debate. His knowledge of the State Department was evident in that speech.

KARL STEFAN was a kindly and considerate soul. He had no enemies in this House, and he was loved by his colleagues who worked with him on his subcommittee. He was particularly fond of the gentleman from New York [John Rooney]. These two men never permitted partisan politics to mar their personal friendship.

Mr. Speaker, here was a man, a patriot, and a statesman. This country could ill afford to lose him at this time. All of us shall miss him. My deep sympathy to his fine wife, Mrs. Stefan, and to his family.

Mr. EBERHARTER. Mr. Speaker, the many words spoken in tribute to KARL STEFAN were an attempt to portray a really great character, but in my opinion the English language does not contain words which would adequately express the nobleness and the gentleness of our colleague who passed away so suddenly.

I have a deep feeling of grief and personal loss, as I considered him as one of the best friends I had in the House. From the first days of my service here, he immediately appealed to me as a man of great breadth of vision and wisdom,

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and I am sure that he impressed everyone with whom he came in contact with his tolerance and kindliness.

His life was a shining example to every Member serving in this body now, and will also be a shining example to those who will hereafter serve in this body; and I say this because there are so many times when grave differences of opinion and judgment make it quite difficult to maintain a real spirit of tolerance for the views and opinions of those with whom we differ.

His services in the cause of the people of his district, of his State, and of the Nation, will be sorely missed.

As was said by one of the previous speakers, no man of nobler stature will ever in the future serve in these Halls, and there will be but few in the future of equal stature who will serve. May all of us keep his memory fresh in our minds, and endeavor to the best of our talents to emulate him.

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, I received a distinct shock when I learned of the death of KARL STEFAN. During the past 5 years I had come to know and admire Mr. STEFAN. He was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. He and I became fast friends and on the last day in which he sat in the House we talked about a contemplated trip we were proposing to make to Latin America.

His life should be an inspiration to young Americans. His record is a typical American success story. He was born in Bohemia and came to America as a child. He worked at all kinds of jobs while climbing the ladder of success. Mr. STEFAN was a great linguist, speaking six languages. He was familiar with many parts of the world, having traveled widely, both before and after becoming a Member of the House of Representatives.

KARL STEFAN was a tolerant man. He was wise enough to know that the viewpoints on the great public problems facing our country, do not stand out in bold relief in black

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or white. There is a great twilight area and while he had firm convictions and took his stand courageously on the problems which Congress must consider, he had no rancor or hatred for those who differed with him.

He was a great admirer and supporter of the foreign service. This attitude was developed by extensive study and much travel to all parts of the world, visiting foreign service offices and talking with the personnel in them. KARL STEFAN took a broad dispassionate view of our grave national problems. In his approach to the solution of our perplexing problems of the troubled world of today, Mr. STEFAN exhibited the traits of a statesman. He considered them on the basis of how can these proposed solutions solve the problems before us, rather than from the standpoint of who is sponsoring them or how will they affect the fortunes of any political party. We hope that God will send us more men of the STEFAN type.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, the death of KARL STEFAN came as a great shock to me. He was a real friend and we members of the Appropriations Committee particularly will miss our close association with him. Our country has lost one of its finest legislators. He was a true American and a great patriot. KARL STEFAN and I had many common interests and the similarity of the problems in our districts brought us together often for conference where I profited by his keen understanding and sage advice.

I join my colleagues in extending deepest sympathy to Mrs. Stefan and their children.

Mr. MACK of Washington. Mr. Speaker, the large number of Members who have spoken so eloquently today in tribute to our colleague, KARL STEFAN, testifies to the high esteem and deep affection in which he was held by every Member of this House.

The Congress has never had a man who fought with greater courage and resolution for the things in which he

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believed than KARL STEFAN. Yet, there was in him a kindness and understanding that won the hearts even of those who disagreed with him on some particular piece of legislation. No one ever doubted KARL STEFAN's sincerity. Everyone respected his ability. All loved him for his personal attributes.

We, his colleagues, who have been in daily associations with him over many years, all, unanimously, acclaimed his ability and his character. There could be no finer tribute to any man than that so many who knew him so intimately over so many years should be so unanimous in speaking so earnestly of his fine qualities of statesmanship and of personality.

KARL STEFAN loved the House of Representatives and the House of Representatives loved him. His name always will be enshrined high on the list of those who, as lawmakers, have served their country with fearlessness and fidelity.

Mr. O'HARA. Mr. Speaker, KARL STEFAN is dead. It does not seem that it can be so. It seems that as the years go by "the milestones into headstones change, 'neath every one a friend." So recently, I have lost two very dear friends, in Congressman FRANK FELLOWS, of Maine, and now KARL STEFAN, of Nebraska.

To those protagonists who seek to change our form of government from what it is to something else, KARL STEFAN's life and accomplishments are the greatest answer. KARL was born in Bohemia. Obviously he had to earn his education, and he began his career as a messenger boy for the Western Union and worked his way up from there. He had a tremendous background in everyday life, and that experience became invaluable to him as a Member of Congress. Whatever his work was, he was obtaining knowledge constantly. The problems of the people of every walk of life were his problems. He thought, he lived, and he legislated that way.

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KARL STEFAN made friends wherever he was. He was an invaluable Member of the House because of his ability and his industry and his rich background of experience.

With all the burdens imposed upon him as one of the ranking members of the Appropriations Committee and the constant demands that were made upon him, he was always anxious and willing to be of help to his colleagues who had problems which KARL could be helpful in solving. I am personally indebted to him for his kindness to me in this regard.

Not only am I indebted to him, but so are others in this country by reason of his great heart and helpfulness. KARL STEFAN was indeed a sweet, kindly Christian gentleman. That did not mean that he was not firm in his judgments and convictions, but in his firmness he was never bitter. As an immigrant boy he knew and loved this country. He put the interest of the United States above all else.

With his gentleness and his understanding, he was a wonderful husband. My deepest sympathy goes to his beloved wife and his family in their hour of great sadness.

My sympathy also goes to the great State of Nebraska, and particularly to those of his congressional district. With all due respect to whomever his successor may be, no one could exceed KARL STEFAN as their Representative.

The beautiful tributes that have been paid to KARL are richly deserved. It is but a recognition of his ability, his industry, his patriotism, and his character, and we of this House are poorer indeed to have lost this good and fine man, able legislator, and intense patriot.

Reverently I say, "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord."

Mr. CANFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I shall always remember KARL STEFAN for his great love of country, his constant anxiety for world peace, his inimitable way of putting his thoughts right on the line, and his friendliness to others, particularly his colleagues in the Congress. He was especially kind to me dating back to those days when I was a

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congressional secretary privileged to pal with his efficient aide, Ray Nedrow, who stood by his chief through thick and thin these last 18 years.

Occasionally, back home in my district, it has been my privilege to address groups of those from foreign lands just acquiring the rights of American citizenship. It was always a delight to feature the Horatio Alger story of KARL STEFAN who came to America's shores from Bohemia when he was just 1 year old, began work as a messenger boy, became a newspaper editor, served as a Philippines volunteer, was elected to Congress and acted as sort of a one-man Voice of America during World Wars I and II. I doubt that Ray Nedrow knows the number of languages his chief could speak.

The two last speeches made by KARL STEFAN still ring in my ears—one a plea that we correct immediately the mistake made by our Government in not commemorating properly on grave markers the services of our dead in Korea and the other a warning to the Czech Government that it be sensible and release Bill Oatis, of the Associated Press, from his prison cell.

KARL STEFAN gave his all to his congressional assignment and everyone on the House Appropriations Committee knew that he was our No. 1 authority on funds required by the State, Justice, and Commerce Departments.

Early this year our colleague suffered from an attack of pneumonia. It was during the hearings being held by his subcommittee and he refused to stay at home, relax, and build up. When he came back on December 19 from his services as a congressional observer at the signing of the Japanese Peace Treaty at San Francisco he sat alongside of me in the House and asked if I had realized any rest during the House recess. When I told him I had enjoyed 10 days away from the grind he said that he regretted he had not done likewise. "I feel the need of such," he repeated.

I think today of KARL STEFAN's widow, his son and his daughter. I wish I had been privileged to know them.

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While my heart goes out to them, I am sure that they will derive some comfort from the heartfelt tributes being uttered on the House floor today by so many colleagues that knew and loved him who has been called away. And I think of Secretary Ray Nedrow who felt his chief had no peer. His life has been changed so suddenly. I hope I shall be able to express myself adequately when I next see him.

Mr. HAYS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, my heart is heavy today, for the loss of our friend, the gentleman from Nebraska, brings genuine and lasting sorrow to every Member of the House. On these occasions when we offer our tributes to departed colleagues, memories of past associations are revived and the most recent of them flash before us. I recall, for example, the words of KARL STEFAN in our last conversation. As I left him, he turned with a smile and said, "Brooks, you really believe, don't you, that your friend Lum is secure?" That question had no significance to anyone else, and I understood it only because of an earlier conversation we had had with other Members in one of the informal talks that mean so much in the building of friendships here.

We were speaking of our favorite hymns, and he was interested in the fact that one of my favorites is The Ninety and Nine. I would like to share this with the House today because of KARL STEFAN's special interest in the story which explained my preference. As a boy I held in deepest respect and admiration a man of our community whose theological views were held by some to be somewhat unorthodox, and it created fears as to this neighbor's destiny. It concerned me as a boy because, with my interest in matters of religious faith, I decided I did not want to go to heaven unless my friend, whom I called Mr. Lum, were going too. I told KARL STEFAN how my anxieties were soothed by an intelligent young minister who explained to me without doing violence to theological principles that Mr. Lum was going to be saved.

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After I was sure that this good man had been brought into the fold I identified my feeling of relief with the song they often sang in the little congregation that I knew and loved as a boy. That song was *The Ninety and Nine*, for as it reached the climax of the interesting little drama the shepherd said, "I have found my sheep." For me, that recovered sheep was the one who had been left out of the community's calculations, Mr. Lum.

All who knew **KARL STEFAN** will understand my meaning in making reference to this simple little story and his particular delight in sharing my reactions. He was interested in the Good Shepherd's quest. His occasional pleasantry, "Do you think Lum was saved?" touched deep sentiments.

Mr. Speaker, if I am sure of any man's eternal destiny, I am sure about the gentleman from Nebraska. He was indeed a man of faith. In notable ways he was also a man of good deeds. We knew the warmth of his friendship and the kindness that only a man with a heart and soul as large as his could exhibit. He leaves an influence in the Congress of the United States that will be felt perceptibly long after our legislative careers are closed.

Green be the turf above thee,
Friend of my better days;
None knew thee but to love thee,
None named thee but to praise.

Mr. DAGUE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of deep personal loss that I have had the word of the death of **KARL STEFAN**, whom I have come to cherish not only as a distinguished Member of this House, but also as a fine Christian gentleman.

His calmness in debate and his dedication to sound principles of government have marked him as a great public servant, and certainly the country can ill afford to lose his services at a time when demagoguery all too often passes for statesmanship.

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Coursing through the veins of our late colleague was the blood of fighting Czech patriots, and it was from them that he brought to the American scene that great love of liberty which continues to motivate the Czech people at a time when they are feeling the heel of the Communist oppressor. And no one will deny that the cause of freedom throughout the world has never had an abler champion than was found in **KARL STEFAN**.

As we mourn the loss of this God-fearing brother, let us raise our prayers in behalf of those bereaved ones who have been so grievously touched by his going away. May an all-wise Providence ease for them the pain of this parting, and may they take consolation in the memorial to him which will ever remain in the hearts of all who knew him and appreciated his worth as a stalwart apostle of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

Mr. HOFFMAN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the death this week of one of our most distinguished colleagues in the House of Representatives has deprived the American people of an outstanding legislator whose long service was always marked by faithful attention to the needs of his district and the welfare of the Nation as a whole.

Congressman **KARL STEFAN** was one of the many outstanding Americans of Czech ancestry who has made a lasting contribution to our Republic. That he remained busily engaged with his many official tasks until the very end of his life was only what those who knew him would expect.

He was born in Bohemia 67 years ago and came to this country with his parents when only 1 year old. He acquired the habit of hard work in early boyhood, and it continued to be his guiding principle throughout a long and active career both in Congress and in private life. He managed to combine the administrative ability of the successful business executive with the far-seeing legislative vision of a conscientious public servant. It was typical of his concept of

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citizenship that he served his country voluntarily as a member of the National Guard in the troubled times that followed the Spanish-American War. He was the type of man who shouldered civic burdens cheerfully and who never asked another to perform what he himself saw as his own duty.

In 18 years of service with the House of Representatives he had shown himself capable of statesmanlike vision whose results were always based on honest analysis of every problem and hard work in its solution. He leaves to his devoted wife and to his son and daughter a high heritage that should be of lasting comfort in their hour of grief.

It was not my privilege to be one of KARL STEFAN's intimate associates, but from my contacts with him and my observation of the man and his work I am proud to have had the opportunity of being one of his colleagues in the Congress of the United States. I join all those others here today in their sense of loss.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Flood].

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, it was just 24 hours ago that in this very spot I brought to the attention of the House that my very dear friend and my neighbor here in Washington for these many years was seriously ill. I reached my office and was only there a few minutes when word came that he had passed on.

You have heard here today eloquent and glowing tributes paid by the Representatives of the great people of this great Nation; tributes that painted word pictures of KARL STEFAN that his family and friends back home and future generations will love and cherish.

These were great men who spoke here today, distinguished Americans, high in the councils of their own States and of these hallowed Chambers.

Let me tell you, however, of the tribute that I saw yesterday and last night. Since KARL STEFAN has been in town he

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has had an apartment at the Mayflower Hotel. Since I have been here my apartment has been near his. While entering that building I saw the bell boys, the two elevator operators in the apartment section, the two girls on the desks, all of them with tears, all of them asking me what had happened, and last night the two colored girls on that floor, both of them crying to know that STEFAN was gone. That is the kind of tribute and that is the kind of feeling that you distinguished Members have been giving voice to here today, but if there was any doubt in your hearts that what you heard was true, I bring you these sentiments from these little people who knew STEFAN to be one of them.

I represent a district where there are dozens of thousands of people of the Latin and the Slav races. I only hope, Mr. Speaker, that this entire ceremony, all these words, can be placed on the Voice of America tonight, because in the well of this House you have heard, sir, the true voice of America pouring out its love, its regard, its admiration, its star of faith, of hope, and of charity, to all those everywhere who see in that star what America has been to the world, what America will always mean to the poor, the suffering, and the downtrodden, the peasants, the little people.

We have had a lot of good times together. You would not think of STEFAN as a humorist or a great storyteller, would you? Let me tell you who think you are professional humorists and who prides yourselves here and off the floor on your storytelling, that you could not hold a candle to him, I know.

Yes, he had several languages. He served in the Philippines. His Spanish was not so good. We used to call it "bamboo Spanish." He learned it as a telegrapher with the Philippine Scouts.

There was not a time, Mr. Speaker, when I passed up this aisle in a division of this House as he would sit back there where generally my distinguished colleagues from Pennsylvania on the Republican side sit, and they are still there

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now, and as I have walked up that aisle I would say to him, "Como esta usted, Teniente?" He was a lieutenant in the Philippine Constabulary. He would garble at me some of the most outrageous Spanish you ever heard. But he liked that. He liked friendliness and good fellowship, and he had it in this House.

Mr. Speaker, to go much further with my tribute would be to guild this lily that you have presented to his memory today. Let me say that you heard words from as diversified a group, as different in personality, background, and outlook, the members of this subcommittee of the great Committee on Appropriations, as you would ever gather in the history of this House. Rooney, of New York; Rooney, of Brooklyn, I should say, smart, tough, eager scrapper from the sidewalks of New York—and his heart in his throat when he paid a tribute to this man who sat alongside him year after year, and who taught him and me and all of us the ins and outs of the labyrinth of the budgets of these great Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce. I never admired and respected good, old Clevenger, of Ohio, more than when we listened to him today, from the wide plains of the farming West, broken, sad, crying—tears that men cry when a friend has gone. You hear my words now from the mountains and coal mines of Pennsylvania. I see before me the distinguished gentleman from Georgia—south of the border—STEFAN would like that. You will hear his tribute to KARL from the cotton fields of the South. You cannot sit in a subcommittee like that down in the salt mines, in the basement of this Capitol, in that little room where we sit day after day, month after month, and year after year, without knowing each other. This is the test of fire. And here we are, our sympathies pouring out, and you will never hear more sincerity, we loved the man. Mrs. Flood joins me in sympathy for his beloved wife and family.

The great and sovereign State of Nebraska, Mr. Speaker, has sent many distinguished sons to this historic Chamber,

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but she will never send one who will exceed, and she will send very, very few who can equal the loyalty, the hard work, the determination, and the patriotism of her distinguished son whom we now return to her soil, the gentleman from Nebraska, Mr. STEFAN.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio [Mrs. Bolton].

Mrs. BOLTON. Mr. Speaker, we are met here at a moment of deep sorrow because there has gone from our midst a man whom we love—gone so unexpectedly and so suddenly. I am reminded that the deeper sorrow carves into your being, the more joy you can contain.

KARL and his beloved wife, his adored wife, who devoted herself to him in ways that only those who knew them intimately know, came many times to my home for music and such conversation as develops when the heart is tuned by music to broader, deeper, higher vision and understanding.

I would like to read to you what KARL and I read together one night. We had been talking about life and death, wondering about it as all humans do:

You would know the secret of death?

But how shall you find it unless you seek it in the heart of life?

If you would indeed behold the spirit of death, open your heart wide unto the body of life.

I ask you: Was there anyone who did that more truly than KARL STEFAN?

For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one. And like seeds dreaming beneath the snow, your heart dreams of spring.

Trust the dreams, for in them is hidden the gate to eternity.

For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun?

And what is it to cease breathing but to free the breath from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?

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Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing.
And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin
to climb.

And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly
dance.

We spoke of those things, and we spoke of a very ancient
word in regard to death.

First must each several element
That joined to form the living frame
Flit to the region whence it came
And with its parent source be blent.
Thine eyes shall see the solar orb,
Thy life-breath to the wind shall fly,
Thy part eternal to the sky,
Thine earthly part shall earth absorb.

Music and KARL STEFAN; life and death; they are all close
to us all. I think there is no bond closer than the bond of
this House. What affects one touches all. Today we are
close to each other as we join in sending to his family
our love and our deep understanding of their loneliness.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the
gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. Judd].

Mr. JUDD. Mr. Speaker, if the untimely death of KARL
STEFAN leads our people, young and old, to read his life story,
and to ponder the things that have been said about him
today in this House, then he will have made, in his sudden
passing and its dramatization of his life and career, one of
the greatest of the many contributions he has made to his
country during the years of his extraordinary service.

We are living in a time when so much doubt is being cast
in many quarters on the integrity or industry or character
or ability or usefulness of men in public office, and par-
ticularly in elective office. It would be worth so much to
our people and their confidence in their Government and
in the possibilities for advancement and noble service in
this free Republic to consider what has been accomplished

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by this man, who in many ways was so plain and simple and in no way a spectacular star, but who used to the full his God-given capacities and the opportunities and privileges offered by his beloved country.

KARL STEFAN was for some years my Congressman. Perhaps I am the only Member of the House who can say that, for until we moved to Minnesota in 1941 I retained, during the years we were abroad, our residence in my home town in Nebraska in the district he represented so long and faithfully. He was a good friend of my father. When I was a boy the Swedes moved in on the west of our strip of township, and the Bohemians moved in on the east. At first a good many of the old settlers sort of felt they were being crowded, and there was some opposition at times on the part of some of the old-timers to the newcomers, especially to the Bohemians. But they got jobs as hired hands, worked long and hard, saved their money, soon were buying land themselves and became as much a part of the country as the first homesteader. When I came home from abroad in the late 1930's, I remember asking my father, "Who is our Congressman now?" He told me KARL STEFAN, and said he thought KARL looked after things better than any Congressman we had had in the 60 years he had lived there. He said, "He is a good Bohemian," which was a tribute to KARL and to the people of his ancestry. My father appreciated the fact that KARL always stopped to see him in that little wide place in the road, and especially after I had come to Congress, too.

So when I first came here in 1941, knowing of his friendship with my father, I sought him out. I soon learned that he had, as almost every Member here today has testified, a unique capacity for friendship. No matter how great the variance in our personalities or interests or backgrounds of education, KARL STEFAN had a special chamber in his heart for each. He revealed to each the special facet that was

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suiting to the special characteristics of the individual in question. He was always interested in the Far East and gave wise counsel and support to me in the point of view regarding its importance to ourselves which I have tried to get adopted. So our friendship ripened and deepened, and I join all here in inability to express adequately our sadness over the loss to our country and to ourselves of this truly great and good man.

I must say another word. Years ago I heard Dr. Will Mayo discussing with a group of young doctors the qualities necessary for a good surgeon. We were aspiring to that profession and most of us, like the general public, were inclined to think that great surgery depended mostly on skill with the hands. That is the way the magazine articles generally portray it. Dr. Will said, "We have trained thousands of doctors in the clinic; one-quarter of all the graduates from medical schools in the country apply here each year, so we can take our choice. On the basis of our experience we rate the essentials in this order and these are the things we look for in our applicants. The first requirement for becoming a good surgeon is character. The second is industry. The third is a certain amount of native ability. And the fourth, manual dexterity." Surely those first three apply to greatness in any field. KARL STEFAN exemplified them. First of all, character; that is the thing we loved and respected most in him. He never failed anybody. It shone out in his patriotism. I do not think any man in America can love this country more than he did. At the same time he had so large a place in his heart for other countries. He never forgot his birthplace, Czechoslovakia. He never forgot the Philippines. Many of you know how he worked to help them in their difficulties. He never forgot the people of any of a dozen countries where he had lived or traveled or for whose freedom and welfare he had worked. He loved America not less because he loved them, and he loved them

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not less because he was so unswervingly, undividedly loyal to this country.

What an inspiration to all in his devotion to country and duty.

What a lesson for our youth in his industry, the indefatigable capacity to labor day after day with hard, dry, complicated figures and details until he knew and could tell you anything you wanted to know about any of the agencies for whose affairs he had responsibility.

Nobody was more determined for example to eliminate those elements in the State Department which had brought disloyalty or discredit to it in some respect; and nobody fought more fiercely and tenaciously against any attempts to weaken it or destroy the Foreign Service because of the misbehavior, incompetence, or other unsuitability of some of its members.

The balance of the man. The steadiness. The quiet friendliness of the genuine, not the glad-handedness of the professional. Nobody ever heard him raise his voice, and yet he made such an imprint on everything he touched through sheer character and industry, and the wide variety of knowledge and talents which he had developed. How kindly and gentle along with his rocklike firmness. How mature and truly civilized a human being.

I cannot add anything to what has been said by so many. I merely want to join in extending my sympathy and affectionate regards to his family. He was out in San Francisco last month with his beloved wife and his son, a doctor. How often he had talked to me with such great pride about that doctor son. How rich will be their memories, as are ours. We love our country more and will be able to serve her better because of men like KARL STEFAN.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Celler].

Mr. CELLER. Mr. Speaker, it is with genuine sadness that I say a few words about KARL STEFAN. I knew him when

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he first came to this Chamber some 17 years ago. I learned to have an affectionate regard for him. We know of his kindness, his humility, his keen sense of justice. And now, alas, he is in the iron grasp of sleep.

In this life we are prone to worry; the days come and they go; we watch them pass sometimes with happiness, sometimes with sadness, and then we are concerned for tomorrow; we query, "What will the morrow bring forth?" But KARL need no longer worry or be concerned for the morrow, for death keeps no calendar, has no almanac.

KARL and I had several things in common; we both loved music; he played the violin and I, too, have played tolerably well that instrument; and oftentimes in the hotel we spent evenings together in discussions of music; we would discuss the music of the spheres and the music of human values. He often said that he loved the violin above any other instrument, for its tones were more like the human voice than any other instrument; that it was far more preeminent than the instruments of percussion, or the woods, or the brasses. He often said, and I wholly agreed with him, that there was a profundity of softness and kindness as well as sadness and sweetness in the tones of the violin. I am sure that if we try to search for the reasons of the understanding heart of KARL STEFAN, if we try to fathom why he knew the soft, sad music of humanity we might well find that it was a bit because of his knowledge of the harmony of the violin and his intimacy with music. We often discussed together the songs and dances of his native Bohemia, and it was very instructive and refreshing to hear his views.

It is well to say that if death did not exist it would be necessary to invent it. We cannot live forever; the end must come. But it always comes so suddenly, it always comes too soon. So it is with KARL STEFAN; his death has come too soon.

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The event of the funeral of Browning caused a poet to utter the following, which we might say on the occasion of KARL's death:

Be not afraid, ye waiting hearts that weep,
For God still "giveth His beloved sleep"
And if an endless sleep He wills, so best.

KARL's death, I am sure you will agree, is an awful mystery, but I can hear KARL saying at the end, "Good-by my friends, good-by my colleagues, good-by to all; it is God's will."

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. Cunningham].

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, when news came to me yesterday that KARL STEFAN had passed on I was profoundly shocked. It was only last Friday that I met KARL over at the House radio recording facility. We talked for some time. We reminisced about several years ago when I spent several days in his district meeting many of his constituents. We talked about mutual friends. I know from having been in his district that his constituents and his people loved, admired, and respected him as much as did any Member of this House.

He seemed on that occasion last Friday to be in excellent spirits and buoyant health. Later in the evening of the same day I attended a Civil Aeronautics dinner at the Mayflower along with several of my colleagues from the House. As we walked down the corridor of the hotel we met KARL. He was in tuxedo. We were not. He was going our way. So we became concerned because we thought maybe we had misunderstood the invitation. We asked him about this and he said: "No. You are dressed properly where you are going. I dress this way every evening I dine with my family."

I have thought of that many times since, that mark of respect to his wife and his family. Somehow it tells us of the character of KARL STEFAN.

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You know he represented that great neighboring State to the west of Iowa. His loss will be severely felt by the people of his district, his State, and the Nation, but his loss is also Iowa's loss. He was our friend. Those of us who knew him loved him.

You know, there was something about KARL that you could not forget. He was one of those rare individuals that the first time you met him you had the feeling you had known him always. He had that something about his personality which made you feel that he was your friend and always had been your friend from the moment you first met him. He could not have been that way had he not had in his heart that warmth of feeling for his fellow man that only those can have who give out the same feeling when they meet one another.

My heart goes out to his wife and family as well as to the members of his loyal office force so deeply devoted to him.

Yes; we all feel his loss deeply. His body is gone, Mr. Speaker, but his ideals, his memory and all that he stood for, which means so much to each and every one of us, will be with us always.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Washington [Mr. Horan].

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, we pay a high tribute today to a great American. I think it is entirely fitting and proper that we do so and that we should keep the memory of that individual bright because in so doing we may give some measure of comfort, some measure of solace perhaps to those in his family, his wife, Mrs. Stefan, his son, Dr. Karl Stefan, who is a resident of the State of Washington, and his daughter.

But I am thinking particularly of something that KARL STEFAN, a native of Bohemia, left to me as one who had served on a subcommittee with him.

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I have already heard my colleague from New York [Mr. Rooney], my colleague from Pennsylvania [Mr. Flood], and my colleague from Ohio [Mr. Clevenger], and I see here my colleague from Georgia [Mr. Preston], and my colleague from Michigan [Mr. Rabaut], and many others in this body who have had the privilege of serving on a subcommittee of which KARL STEFAN was the bone and sinew.

He was a foreigner by birth, yet he meant a tremendous amount to the American way of life and to the spirit and the mechanisms of our Republic. We sit here as legislators and adopt policies and enact statutes, which we expect to be administered. Every year those American policies come before the appropriate subcommittees of the Committee on Appropriations for review. Down through the years, for the last 10 years, at least, of our most troublous times in this world, with questions hanging fire all over the globe, the policies developing day by day, the one person in this Congress who probably held it together more than any other was KARL STEFAN.

It is indeed heart-warming to me to see those of us who have had the privilege of serving with him on such an important subcommittee on appropriations rise here and speak as we have. It shows to me, at least, that this American system of ours will work if we have the right men in the right places. KARL STEFAN was such a man.

So today I grieve with his family, with the people of the State of Nebraska, and with the citizens of this Republic; and since the citizens of this Republic and their way of government mean something to the world, I grieve with all those to whom America is a bright light. But in grieving, I am happy that he lived and that his influence was felt among us. I hold that his example means something to those who would appreciate the greatness of this Nation.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. Rabaut].

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Mr. RABAUT. Mr. Speaker, KARL STEFAN and I came to Congress together. By the natural processes of the House, our lots were cast together. We went on the Appropriations Committee about a year after coming here, in 1935, and served together for about 10 years. We learned together the things that have been spoken about here so ably in connection with his knowledge of affairs. We often sat together and in a hard way studied the many problems of the Departments of State, Commerce, and Justice, and the Federal Judiciary, the Bureau of Prisons, the FBI; later the United Nations, and earlier the Department of Labor, and the Department of Social Security when that agency was born.

I could not help but think yesterday of the intimacy of our lot when I heard the sad news of his death. Truly, those words came to me that we so often hear but so seldom take the full significance of, "I will come like a thief in the night."

He was just snatched from life to give an account of his stewardship, for now he will be a steward no longer. KARL STEFAN died in the harness, died with his boots on, died devoted to the country that he loved and the people that he served. Many beautiful things have been said about him here today, for many have spoken of the friendships in the House. But to those who knew him as intimately as I did, the splendid friendship between his wife, Ida, and himself was something to marvel at. If he so endeared himself to us, no one could help but appreciate her grief at his sudden passing. With those who have spoken before me, I extend to his son, his daughter, and his dear wife the condolences that every Member of this House feels on this sad occasion. I shall not forget him in my prayers. I shall pray for the repose of his soul, and I hope that the God of all wisdom and all charity will send the soothing graces of consolation to his family.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Preston].

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Mr. PRESTON. Mr. Speaker, I was at my home in Georgia yesterday when my office telephoned to advise me of KARL STEFAN's passing. The news came to me with a shocking impact for it had been only on Thursday of last week that I had sought him out on the floor of the House and had asked his consent that I might be allowed to give my proxy to my committee chairman in order that I might go home for the week end and Monday and Tuesday of this week. KARL, in his usual gracious manner, said, "Of course, you must go home. Take advantage of every opportunity to go home. How I wish I could go home, too." Had KARL gone home on last Thursday, he probably would have died at home where, I am sure, he would have wanted to spend his last moments.

A few months ago, I made the observation at the annual memorial services which we hold for our departed colleagues that generations develop their own peculiar customs, and that one of them is to wait until after death takes our friends from our midst to express our thoughts about their lives and to pay tribute to them. I sometimes wonder if that is not a very bad custom, for I know that KARL STEFAN would be happy today if in life he could have heard the wonderful tributes that have been paid to him on the floor of the House. Unlike so many occasions where mellowness sometimes prevails, I am convinced that today there has not been uttered one single expression of exaggeration about this great man. I believe that everything that has been said of him today has come from hearts full of sincerity. What has been said here today can truly serve as a great lesson to younger men. I have felt very keenly as I sat here listening for 2 hours to these wonderful talks about KARL STEFAN—how fine it is that some men live lives which set examples for others, for it is such a life as KARL's that gives the example for younger men to emulate. It answers the question—is it worth while to cling to fine ideals? Is it worth the price we must pay to live lives of morality based on high principles and fine re-

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ligious concepts? Today, we have here the answer. Unquestionably, it is. Not only have I gained a lesson from what has been said here today, but I have learned a great lesson as I served with KARL on the subcommittee for these many months. One lesson I learned from him, which is so important, and I hope I shall never forget this lesson, as I watched him interrogate witnesses day after day down in that small room beneath the dome of the Capitol, I concluded that truly here is a man who has learned to keep within bounds the passion of expression.

How prone we are to speak with carelessness and do harm with a tongue that can never be healed.

KARL STEFAN taught me that it was greater to keep within proper bounds the passion of expression. I shall always be grateful to him for this valuable lesson that I learned through service with him.

I shall not prolong the hour. Surely I can add nothing to what has been said. In closing, I would only call to your attention the fact that death is no respecter of persons. We know not when it shall strike again, but it does behoove us all to live as KARL STEFAN lived, so that when death strikes we shall be prepared to die as KARL was prepared to die. For truly, when the Angel of Death brushed his black wings against the eyes of KARL STEFAN, it took from our midst one of the great men of all ages who have served in the Halls of Congress.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. Gary].

Mr. GARY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay my last sad tribute of respect to my beloved friend and colleague, KARL STEFAN. He was a great soul. Of him it may be truly said that he walked with his head in the clouds and his feet on the ground.

I had the privilege of serving as a member of the State, Commerce, Justice, and the Federal Judiciary Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee when he was chairman of

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that subcommittee. He was a great chairman. KARL was an indefatigable worker. He was conscientious, sincere, capable, and courageous. He treated every member of his committee with absolute fairness and was kind and considerate of witnesses.

I stand today, Mr. Speaker, with bowed head, among his great host of friends and admirers, and share the sorrow of his wife and family as he passes on in glory to that land from whence no traveler returns.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from South Dakota [Mr. Lovre].

Mr. LOVRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a true American and a real friend of the Middle West. I speak of our colleague, the late KARL STEFAN, of Nebraska, who lapsed into eternal sleep yesterday afternoon. I know of no man who has given more to his country and State than KARL. Others have recorded the many and varied accomplishments of this fine man, but I want to express another side of this public servant that is little known.

KARL STEFAN was the finest friend a newcomer to the Halls of Congress could have. Early in my congressional career I found a most sympathetic and helpful person in KARL. He went out of his way to assist those of us who were new and his knowledge gained from long-time service was made freely available to us.

Personally, I owe an everlasting debt of gratitude to our departed friend and colleague. His memory will live forever. It was with deepest regret that I heard the news of his death. I was shocked. The people of Nebraska and the United States have lost a fine man and a true American.

I want to join my colleagues in expressing my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Stefan and the members of the family.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts [Mrs. Rogers].

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Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, we know that our dear beloved just departed colleague dined with kings and presidents and the great, and he dined with the humble and the poor, and he never lost the common touch. And I could fill a book with the deeds and talents and accomplishments of this noble gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I remember when Gen. Douglas MacArthur spoke to the Congress, KARL STEFAN and I were sitting in the double seats just beyond the table there. After Gen. Douglas MacArthur finished speaking KARL said to me: "Is not it the greatest speech you have ever heard? Was it not a wonderful tribute to his fighting men?" And then he turned and said: "Edith you are crying"; and I said: "KARL, so are you; you have tears in your eyes." Little did he realize that to-day Members would be crying inwardly if not outwardly over his passing, the passing of a great American, crying because of our loss, but rejoicing because of his life, the glory of his life, the Christianity in his life, his courage and sympathy for all in distress. I believe he had a happy life, but he had sadness in his life because of what had happened to the land where he was born, Bohemia. We had many talks about Bohemia and Bohemians and their desire for freedom, and his anxiety to have them free. He asked me many, many times if I could suggest anything to help.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, that the words of love and admiration that have been spoken today will be broadcast to Bohemia and to the nations of the world behind the iron curtain. He was greatly interested in having a broadcast go out to tell the people in the world what we in America stand for. His life and how he fought from the time he was a child to improve not only himself but also his country; think what a life, what an example it is. If every school in the country could have the history of KARL STEFAN'S life, think what it would mean particularly to those just coming to our country from abroad, those growing up of foreign strains.

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Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not speak of **KARL STEFAN**'s great interest in our veterans. It was, I might say, one of the patterns of his life to see that they were cared for properly. Also, Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not speak of what **KARL STEFAN** did to help us. I am afraid many of us do not listen when people ask our advice, do not listen when they ask us to take up and vote for measures of vital interest to them and which they consider of vital interest for the country. **KARL STEFAN** in his great kindness and wisdom always listened and always helped whenever he could.

And think, Mr. Speaker, what a happy united couple he and his wife, Ida, were; what a united family was **KARL STEFAN**'s, how they worked together as a family should, not for themselves but for their country. Our warmest sympathy goes to them in their bereavement. We all have lost a great friend.

KARL STEFAN, Mr. Speaker, has not died; he lives on in our minds and hearts and in the history of America.

Mr. **CURTIS** of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Illinois [Mrs. Church].

Mrs. **CHURCH**. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tender tribute to **KARL STEFAN**.

The Stefans came in contact with this House when we did, at the beginning of the Seventy-fourth Congress; and from that moment forward he has been a stirring example of what an American in public office should be. Throughout the years it has been my privilege to work with him here; to know him on the city streets; to walk with him down the lanes of Europe; to know him as he worked on the Appropriations Committee; to question him when I needed help. Always there was in him quiet courage, high principle, and conviction. I cannot bear to think that he is gone. There seems so little that one can say about a wife like Ida Stefan. But I could not speak at a moment like this without once

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again reiterating my own faith that there is no death and that nothing of the good, nor of the greatness, nor of the strength, nor of the power, the spiritual force, that was brought forth in KARL STEFAN, could ever be taken from her or the country that he served.

When I arrived here very new in January, KARL STEFAN came over and sat down by my side and said: "Now, you know, I do not want to offer a lot of advice, but I would like to say to you that if ever you need anything just remember that I am here."

I rather think that that was the way KARL STEFAN walked through all of his life, that not only his friends but strangers whom he touched knew that if they were in need, he would be there to help.

Then he pointed out to me that wonderful saying above the rostrum:

Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its powers, build up its institutions, promote all of its great interests, and see whether we also in our day and generation may not perform something worthy to be remembered.

His own memorable performance will stand as a perpetual monument to KARL STEFAN. What he gave to his family, to his friends, and to his country can never be measured nor questioned, nor can it ever die. I am proud to call myself his friend and there is no one who will be able in all the paths in which he walked to fill his place.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maine [Mr. Hale].

Mr. HALE. Mr. Speaker, these days seem to come so very often. It was less than a month ago that I was standing in the well of the House speaking about a colleague from my own State. Now I have lost another friend.

KARL STEFAN came from the heart of old Europe and went to live in the heart of the new America. He certainly was completely American. There was nothing hyphenated about

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his Americanism, but he did bring from the Old World a comprehension, an understanding, and a knowledge which was valuable to us and which admirably illustrates, I think, the capacity which many have shown to make the transition from a home in the Old World to a home in the new.

I think there is a great deal of wisdom in the suggestion made by the gentlewoman from Massachusetts that the tributes to KARL STEFAN should be made known to those who are still living in his old country. Many of you here were thrown into more intimate contact with KARL STEFAN than was I, but I always felt very strongly that whenever an appropriation bill was before the House I depended and relied necessarily on the members of the Appropriations Committee that had studied and handled that particular bill. Whenever that bill was a bill which came from KARL STEFAN's subcommittee I had an added confidence in my own judgment if it rested upon his, because he was a faithful, careful, prudent man, a conscientious and devoted legislator. To his qualities as a legislator he added the human attributes of a singularly sweet and gentle nature.

Somehow the music of Smetana's Moldau will always make me think of the man who came from that country to this and gave such fine service in this body.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Sittler].

Mr. SITTLER. Mr. Speaker, I speak from the further reaches of the overflow of KARL STEFAN's personality, to testify to the influence of a few of his many unremembered acts of friendship, for I am but a freshman in this House, and he was kind to me.

I did not know him intimately as have many who have spoken here today, but to the extent and for the brief time that I did know him he influenced me tremendously. The constant association with his memory will make me a better

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Member of this House. I therefore could not refrain from saying so at this solemn hour.

In my district there are many citizens whose roots of family and tradition are set in Bohemia, and whose love of America is like **KARL'S**. They are intensely proud of the achievement that he made as one of their fellows. They are a great people, and they are proud of him. In their behalf, I express sympathy to his family, and offer to them and to us all this thought so well expressed by a poet whose name I do not now recall:

WHEN LIFE SEEMS ENDED ALL TOO SOON

Life held you fast,
And how you loved it, too!
You loved to touch and see and smell the things of earth;
But came a day, when life with wistful fingers, beckoned you away.
You did not halt, nor fear nor fall,
But straightway answered that strange lead
Into a land so beautiful, so new,
That could we call you back with one quick word,
We would keep silent,
Yours is the gain, and ours the blessing too.
The world of things unfelt, unseen, unheard,
Is strangely friendly now,
Because you walk where we have never trod.
And sing the songs, the melodies of God.

Mr. **CURTIS** of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. Armstrong].

Mr. **ARMSTRONG**. Mr. Speaker, the late **KARL STEFAN** was a kindly man, willing to go out of his way to be helpful to a colleague or friend. I recall that my first meeting with him was on my visit to his office around 7 years ago, when I was working on an article concerning the Indian reservations. His greeting to me was "I shall be glad to help you in any way." As a result of his helpfulness, I visited an Indian reservation in his district, and obtained much valuable information.

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Since coming to this body as a new Member last January, I took occasion to ask his suggestions and advice on several occasions. It will be remembered by my colleagues here that some weeks ago, on the occasion of consideration of the appropriation for the State Department, Mr. STEFAN made a most eloquent and thoughtful speech concerning the history and work of this Department, with statesmanlike suggestions as to the improvement of its functioning at home and abroad. Particularly was he interested in bringing all the activities of our Government in foreign lands under the supervision of the State Department. I joined with many Members of this House in congratulating him on this masterful address, and he thanked me heartily.

At the Japanese Peace Treaty conference in San Francisco recently, Mr. STEFAN was a most attentive member of the official delegation. At one of the recess periods during the conference, I again mentioned to him the effectiveness of his speech concerning the State Department, and told him that I would like to get from him some additional material to go into a study of the question of the functioning of the State Department which I am making. Again I heard his cheery words, "I shall be glad to help you in any way."

I join my colleagues of the House in this tribute to a great American, a great statesman, who has now been called to his reward. I shall always remember him as I knew him before I became a Member of this body and since, as a man who wanted always to be helpful to his fellow men.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, an intimate friend of Mr. STEFAN and a native of Nebraska, Mr. Sam Davenport, who is now employed by the House, has written a brief eulogy, which I ask unanimous consent be inserted at this point in the Record.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

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KARL STEFAN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS, 1884-1951

KARL STEFAN lived 67 years?

He would have lived 67 years if he had been an ordinary man.

But KARL STEFAN was not an ordinary man.

Born in Bohemia, he saw the land of his birth win freedom from Austrian slavery, live for a brief span as an independent republic, only to pass under the yoke of Communist serfdom.

As a member of the Philippine Constabulary, he saw the brave followers of Jose Rizal—lately liberated from Spanish servitude—prove their right to liberty under American guidance, and emerge as the free Republic of the Philippines.

As a Nebraskan, he saw his State grow from infant sovereignty into a solvent, prosperous and necessary component of the United States of America.

As an American, he served his people in Congress. He served no other people. He sought, as a Member of the House Committee on Appropriations, to save money for Americans. With the Constitution as his guide, he strove to hold in check the cost of Government so that the Nation's debt might not weigh down the least of his countrymen.

He loved the United States. His words and deeds are admired by all true Americans. He loved Nebraska. All true Nebraskans revere his memory. He loved his friends. There is a niche in their hearts which none other may fill. He loved his wife, his daughter, his son. They love him.

A great man has gone to meet his God.

Mr. CURTIS of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 444).

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. KARL STEFAN, a Representative from the State of Nebraska.

Resolved, That a committee of 11 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

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The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee on the part of the House Mr. Curtis of Nebraska, Mr. Clevenger, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Miller of Nebraska, Mr. Rooney, Mr. Preston, Mr. Smith of Kansas, Mr. Flood, Mr. Werdel and Mr. Buffett.

The Clerk will report the further resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 19 minutes p. m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, October 4, 1951, at 10 o'clock a. m.

THURSDAY, October 4, 1951.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Landers, its enrolling clerk, announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution (S. Res. 220):

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. KARL STEFAN, late a Representative from the State of Nebraska.

Resolved, That a committee of five Senators be appointed by the President of the Senate to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the Senate do now take a recess until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

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WEDNESDAY, October 3, 1951.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Chaffee, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. KARL STEFAN, late a Representative from the State of Nebraska, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a resolution of the House of Representatives (H. Res. 444), which was read, as follows:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U. S.,

October 3, 1951.

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Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. BUTLER of Nebraska. Mr. President, the sudden passing of the Honorable KARL STEFAN, my very close friend, came as a real shock to me and to all other Members of Congress, especially to those of the Nebraska delegation. On behalf of myself and my colleague from Nebraska [Mr. Wherry], I wish to say a few words with reference to this sad event.

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KARL STEFAN was the dean of our Nebraska delegation. He had been in Congress since 1935, and had advanced in the House of Representatives to a position of real influence and stature. He was highly respected by the leaders of both political parties, and he entered into the councils of the leaders of both parties.

KARL STEFAN was not born in this country; he was born in Bohemia, or what is now, I believe, a part of Czechoslovakia. He came to the United States in early life.

I think he never lost a feeling of gratitude and wonder that he, an immigrant boy, should attain a position in the Congress of the United States, the most powerful legislative body in the world.

I know there was no more sterling patriot than KARL STEFAN. Perhaps that was partly because he was not born here, and therefore he realized even more fully than do some of us how priceless is the possession of our American citizenship.

He was a faithful servant of the people of Nebraska and the people of the Nation.

All of us will miss him greatly.

He was known as one of the hardest working Members of the House of Representatives and of the House Appropriations Committee. He was always on the job. Undoubtedly the hard work he has done over the years contributed to his untimely passing.

Mr. CASE. Mr. President, KARL STEFAN was one of the closest friends I had in the House of Representatives. I served with him during the entire 14 years I was in the House of Representatives. During 12 of those 14 years I sat by his side on the House Appropriations Committee. During eight of those years our offices were next door to each other. Our congressional districts were contiguous. The northern boundary of his district was the northern line of Nebraska, and the southern boundary of my district was the same line,

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namely, the boundary line between Nebraska and South Dakota.

Members who have served with another Member for many years, and who have had offices next door to each other, well understand what I mean when I say that the death of KARL STEFAN was a very personal loss to me.

The last time I saw KARL was on the floor of the Senate, not very many days ago, when he came here to ask about some matter, and sat with me a while and visited with me.

KARL STEFAN was a man of world viewpoint. He was born in Bohemia. He came to the United States in his mother's arms when he was less than 1 year of age.

He came to love this land, though, more than any other land in all the world.

KARL STEFAN had a tremendous grip on the people of his district. There are many persons in the southern part of my own congressional district who knew KARL STEFAN well. They regarded him as their champion because they, too, had been born in Bohemia, or what is now Czechoslovakia.

The people of Nebraska regarded KARL STEFAN as their champion.

Our distinguished colleague, the minority leader [Mr. Wherry], and I were visiting this morning at the hospital, where the junior Senator from Nebraska is temporarily staying for his own health. I think it probably is not out of place for me to say here that Senator Wherry said to me this morning, "KARL STEFAN could have been elected in Nebraska on any ticket."

Mr. President, the people of KARL STEFAN's district, regardless of their political affiliation, had faith in him. He was a tower of strength to good government in Nebraska. The large vote he repeatedly received was evidence of the confidence the people had in him. He was regarded, not merely as a champion of the people of Nebraska in the House of Representatives, but also as a champion of the interests

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of the Czechs, who looked upon him as one of the great people of their nationality.

He was also regarded as a champion by the people of the Philippines, for during the Spanish-American War he served in the National Guard in the Philippines; and, as a result of his service there, he came to take a great deal of interest in the Philippines and in the various legislative proposals affecting the Philippines. So it was that he was awarded medals by the Philippine Government, those medals being presented to him by Mr. Carlos Romulo, in behalf of the people of the Philippines.

KARL STEFAN served for many years as ranking minority member of the Appropriations Subcommittee for the District of Columbia; and during the Eightieth Congress he served as its chairman. Because of that, he took a deep interest in the affairs of the District of Columbia. The tributes which have been paid to KARL STEFAN by the Washington newspapers last night and today are evidence of the fact that he was loved not only by the people of Nebraska, not only by the people of the Philippines, not only by the people of Czechoslovakia, but also by the people of the District of Columbia.

Those of us who worked closely with KARL STEFAN know something of the reason for that.

He was, as the distinguished senior Senator from Nebraska [Mr. Butler] has said, a hard-working man. He was conscientious. No breath of scandal ever came anywhere near his door. He did what he thought was right and for the good of his country.

Mr. McFARLAND. Mr. President, when I first came to the Senate, I met KARL STEFAN. I know of no man who commanded greater respect among those with whom he worked. Everyone who knew KARL STEFAN loved him. He was a man of ability and integrity. His death means a great loss to our country. I wish to extend my deep sym-

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pathy to his widow and family. I am sorry that a great man, a great American, has been prematurely taken from us.

Mr. CONNALLY. Mr. President, I desire to say a few words of tribute to the deceased Representative STEFAN, of Nebraska. I did not serve with him in the House, but I had a high regard for him. I have been on social terms with him, and we have discussed public questions together. I think that Representative STEFAN, having been a native of Bohemia, and having come to this country and become a great American citizen and having served for 17 years in the Congress, may justly be said to have achieved a great success, and I desire to pay tribute to his memory.

Mr. KEFAUVER. Mr. President, I had the privilege of serving with Representative STEFAN in the House of Representatives for a number of years. There were few men in the House of Representatives who were better liked or more highly respected by Members on both sides of the aisle than he. He was a very busy Member of Congress, but he always had time to listen to the problems of any other Representative, and, as has been stated, he truly had a national and an international view. As a member of the House Committee on Appropriations he was as much interested in the projects of the South, the East, and the West as he was in those of his own section. Congress, unfortunately, has lost one of its best Members.

Mr. BENTON. Mr. President, while I served as Assistant Secretary of State I had the privilege of working very closely with Representative STEFAN during his tenure as chairman of the State Department Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, and I subscribe fully to everything which has been said by the distinguished Senator from South Dakota [Mr. Case], who by his remarks shows how intimately he was acquainted with the late Representative.

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Mr. President, I never knew a man who gave me more evidence of loving his country, in the best sense of that phrase, than did KARL STEFAN. He would meet me at any hour of the day or night, at early breakfast or late at night, to help resolve any kind of problem which might have a bearing on his responsibilities in connection with State Department appropriation bills. He approached these matters without partisanship, and solely from the standpoint of his desire to do the best he could for the people of the United States. I may say that I found him a fine friend, willing to take a stand courageously when need be on certain difficult questions, often when he found few supporters.

Mr. President, I may say I never met anyone in the State Department who knew as much about certain factors of the Department's operations as did Representative STEFAN. He had studied them, I believe, over a period of perhaps as much as 15 or 20 years, during his service on the Committee on Appropriations.

We have lost one of our finest colleagues in Congress. I am glad to join this spontaneous expression of respect for his memory, and to have had my sympathies so well expressed by the majority leader for his wife and his daughter, with whom I had often corresponded, and for his grandchildren, with whom I became acquainted through my friendship with Representative STEFAN.

Mr. BUTLER of Nebraska. Mr. President, I wish to thank Senators for the kind words they have had to say with reference to our friend from Nebraska, the late Representative KARL STEFAN. I regret exceedingly that the minority leader, the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. Wherry], is not present today to join in these tributes, but I have spoken for him in anything I have had to say. I think it would be perfectly proper for the acting minority leader to say a few words at this time.

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Mr. SALTONSTALL. Mr. President, I am confident that on this occasion the minority leader, the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. Wherry], would be much more adequate to express the feelings of the members of the minority regarding Representative STEFAN than I can possibly be. I am sure that if he were present, he would fittingly pay tribute to the late Representative not only as the leader of the minority in the Senate but also as a personal friend.

As an expression of my own personal feelings, I may say that my contacts with Representative STEFAN on conference committees, on the floor of the House, and on the floor of the Senate, were such that I grew to have great respect and admiration for him, and I know how much the citizens of Nebraska and all of us will miss his wise counsel.

Mr. BUTLER of Nebraska. Mr. President, I send to the desk a resolution which I ask to have read and immediately considered.

The resolution (S. Res. 220) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

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Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Johnson of Texas in the chair). The Chair will name the committee provided for in the second resolving clause at a later date.

Mr. BUTLER of Nebraska. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, I move that the Senate now take a recess until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

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The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 6 o'clock and 48 minutes p. m.) the Senate took a recess until tomorrow, Thursday, October 4, 1951, at 12 o'clock meridian.

THURSDAY, *October 4, 1951.*

The VICE PRESIDENT. Under the resolution adopted yesterday regarding the funeral of Representative STEFAN, of Nebraska, it is provided that the Chair appoint a committee of five Senators. The Chair makes three appointments at the moment, and he will appoint the other Members later. The Chair appoints the senior Senator from Nebraska [Mr. Butler], the junior Senator from Nebraska [Mr. Wherry], and the junior Senator from South Dakota [Mr. Case].



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